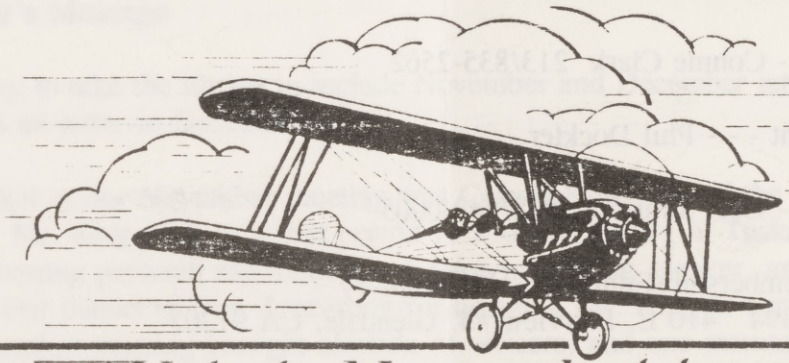

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President's Message

I am going to take the liberty to include November and December into one report since there was no letter in December. (Ed).

The speaker at our November meeting was Celeste King, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen. Mr. King gave us a first person view of the history of Tuskegee's and a lot of very interesting personal experiences. A most interesting speaker, and a very involved citizen. Our thanks to Don Armstrong for bringing Mr. King to our meeting.
Our November meeting brought election of officers, and one mammoth change in our club. After all these years, over twenty I'm sure, our Program Chairman, Leo Gay, has retired from his position. Fortunately however, he will still organize the Santa Ynez get together. What would we ever do without him? Thank you Leo for all the effort you have given to the club for so long. So who will replace him? It is taking an interim committee, headed by our already hard working Bill Mallory. I would like to thank the members for electing me your President for 1992. Thanks to all the officers for 1991, for your hard work, and thanks also for those serving us in the coming year.

Many many thanks to Leo and June Gay for once more hosting the VAA Christmas Party. It was well attended, including guests Tom Quintana and his wife Connie. Tom is on the Hawthorne City Council and is quite involved with the Air Faire. The view from Leo and June's house is almost enough all by itself to make a great party, but there was also good food, door prizes, a video, and lots of flying folks enjoying a good time. The there was Leo's surprise. Would you believe! Leo has a real railroad track in his back yard, 75 feet or so, to run his new "Toys" on. Several of us got a ride. They are actually full size railroad work cars, one is a 2 passenger car and the other can manage 3. And no, they are not only for the back yard. Leo also participates in group runs with these cars on railroads in many areas. Thanks once more Leo and June for a wonderful Christmas Party.

CURRENT EVENTS

The January meeting will be held at Glendale Community College on Friday January 17th at 7:30 p.m. We will have the pleasure of listening to Mr. Tony LeVier talk about the Cleveland Air Races. This promises to be a wonderful

evening, bring your pictures, books, etc. and maybe you can get an autograph.

"News From All Over"

Got some real interesting mail this time. Member Bob Scott is now the manager of Yucca Valley Airport. He has a beautiful Cessna 170 and I will run a picture of it in a future issue. Bob also sent a $25.00 contribution to the VAA, thanks Bob, hope to see you at meetings soon.

Connie received a letter from members Brian and Mary Goulding who live in Great Yarmouth, England. This is a most interesting letter and I will run it in total. "A few miles from where we live in England is an RAF fighter base - COLTISHALL, which for the past quarter century has been the home of most of the Jaguar squadrons. Just off the end of the main runway is a small cemetery and tiny chapel which is so close to the threshold it has its own hazard lights on the roof. Most of the graves in the cemetery are military ones, predominately RAF, some very recent. There are a number from WW2, mainly British aircrews, but also some German, obviously from bombers shot down locally in the 1940/42 period. The gravestone which I find of special interest however, bears the following inscription:

O.W. KANTUREK
20th CENTURY FOX,
26TH JUNE 1941
AGED 42

Obviously he was a cameraman, and I would imagine he was from the United States. I wonder if any members might recognize the name as there some "olden timers" who are/were in the film industry. Is there anyone of this name listed in the LA area phone books?"

I also received a nice letter from members Steve and Cathy Melton who live in Yorba Linda. They are the proud owners of a "new" 1946 Navion built by North American. The aircraft only has 2900 total hours, and Steve and Cathy are the fifth owners all of which resided in California. This whole thing came about from the Santa Ynez "Wings n Wheels" when the Melton's rode in Jim and Carol Mulvihill's "Bird Dog". If you hear

91742 calling a tower or center or - - - it will be Steve and Cathy in the new Navion.

FROM THE EDITOR

Due to the holidays, the need to get this letter out quickly, and the amount of information that must be conveyed, I am going to hold off on presenting the article about member Dave Davidson until the next issue. It is quite a story.

I am planning to print (at no cost to members) a directory. I would like to distribute it in March. For those that don't make the meetings if you want a copy, send me a large stamped envelope and I will send one to you. I want to wait until March so that those that do not wish to be listed can notify me. Also, there is a comment on the cover that this is for member use only and not to be sold or used for commercial purposes.

Now, I will put on my membership hat. Please look at your address label. As I have said before, your dues date is on the label. If you are behind for 1990 and/or 1991, send in fifty cents per month to catch up. Starting January 1992 the dues have been raised to $10.00 per year. Please try and get your memberships in as soon as possible.

Putting on the interim Activities Chairman hat. We must decide what and when our events will be for the next 11 months. I would like to get this done at the general meeting on the 17th. I have received a number of good suggestions and ideas, we just need to formalize them and follow through.

In the November issue of the letter I ran a short article about Mal Stratford. I stated in the article that Mal did all of his flying in the Pacific, this was in error. He did most of it in and out of the Middle East. Mal, you must write your book.

I read two mighty fine books recently. "Flight of The Enola Gay" by Paul Tibbets. Much of what he writes about has been told and written about before, but Tibbets tells this story in his own style. "The Eagle Squadrons" by Vern Haugland. This is a must book for those that have any interest in the RAF during the early days of WW2.

One last item. The Burbank Aviation Museum will have an open meeting at the Burbank Hilton on Hollywood way at 7:30 p.m. on January 21st. This is an organization that is

attempting to organize an Aviation Museum on the old Lockheed property. They will be showing a 1991 video "The Birthplace of Lockheed". All are welcome.

BADGES

The Sgt-at-Arms has notified me that he is going to fine all of those that do not have a badge on. The easiest way to avoid this is to order you VAA badge from:

Dick Beagle
1417 N. Towner
Santa Ana, CA 92706

The price is five dollars per badge.

TRIVIA

1. Which nation does each of the following aerobatic teams represent?
   a. Blue Angels, b. Halcones, c. Swifts, d. Blue Impulse,
   e. Silver Falcons, f. Roulettes.

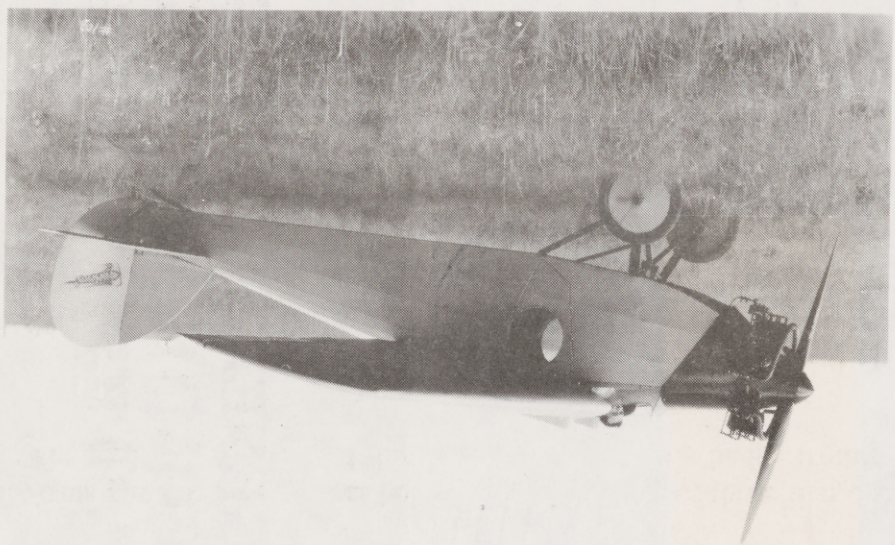
2. What are the civil equivalents of the C-9A, C-21A, C-22B, C-23A, VC-25A?

3. What was the largest number of Cessna new aircraft sales on one year?
   a. 4,186
   b. 7,732
   c. 8,839

1. a. USA, b. Chile, c. USSR, d. Japan, e. South Africa, f. Australia.

2. DC-9-30, Learjet 35A, Boeing 727, Shorts 330-200, Boeing 747-200.

3. 8,839 in 1977.



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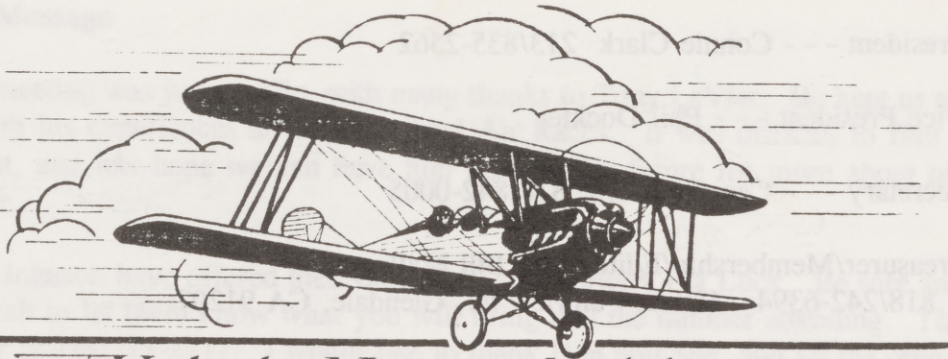

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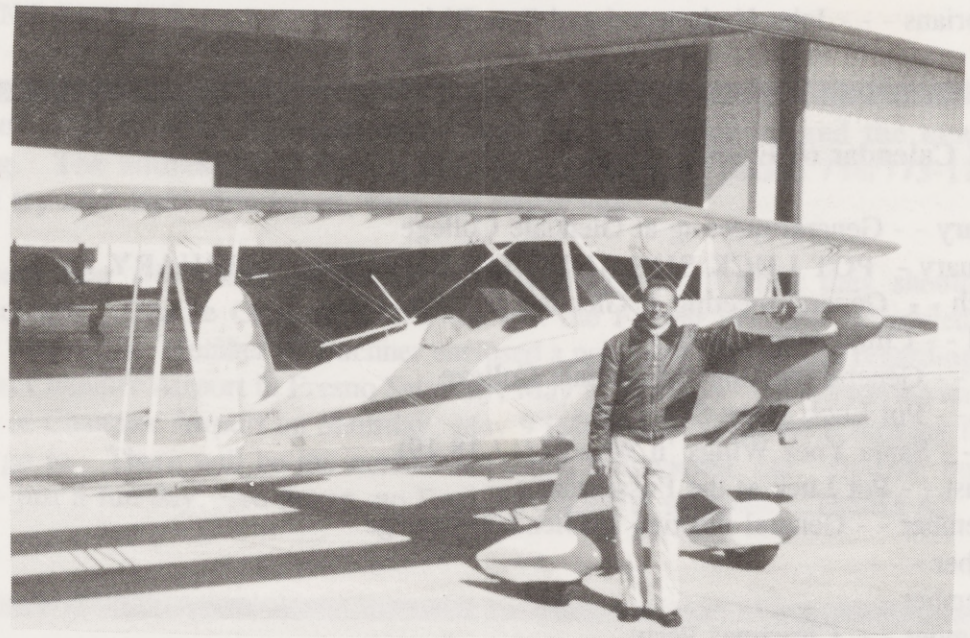

Dave Davidson and his "Blue Free" Dave Davidson

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President's Message

Our January meeting was just terrific, with many thanks to Tony LeVier. He kept us all captivated with his experiences at the Cleveland Air Races. It was difficult to find a stopping point, and lets hope we can have him back in the future for more about his interesting life.

Don and Sue Johnson have offered their home for our February Pot Luck. Be sure and give them a call to let them know what you will bring and the number attending. The phone number is 714/773-1717. I would like to thank Don and Sue, and all the others who have hosted events for our club, and will be doing so again this year.

Justin Wilde with the help of Bob Scott, is checking to see what might be available to us at the Chino Airport in April. It's great, all the help we are getting for our activities committee. Thank you all. See you at the February Pot Luck.

CURRENT EVENTS

The February meeting will be the Pot Luck at the Johnson's. As Connie has mentioned, call them to let them know what you are bringing and the number attending. The address is: 2210 Smokewood, Fullerton, phone 714/773-1717. Let's all try and make this event, they are really fun.

While these next two items are not our (VAA) functions, I think they should be mentioned here. Connie Clark informed me that the Flabob Fly-In is scheduled for February 22 and 23. Member Al Buchner enclosed a note with his renewal regarding the Air Fair at Chandler Airport in Fresno Saturday, May 9. He says "We are having an Air Fair here at Chandler Airport on Saturday, May 9 just in case someone is looking for a fly-in to go to. There will be the normal hot dogs, sandwiches, etc. fly-bys, buddy hopping - just a fun day. No tower, no FAA, everyone is welcome." Thanks Al.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

On the cover of this issue you will find our own Dave Davidson of Garland, Texas. I promised you I would publish a bit about Dave and his flight across the Atlantic so this is the issue. Incidentally, Connie talked with Dave and he may be out here late spring or early summer. If he does come out, we may get the whole story from him.

Dave is a 70 year (young) retired Air Force Lt Col. The aircraft he flew is a "MA-5 Marquart Charger", named "Blue Free". Dave is the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic in an Open-Cockpit Biplane. Dave had originally planned to fly around the world but efforts to obtain clearance across the Soviet Union ran into snag after snag. At any rate, he began the trip July 1 and kept in touch with friends in Dallas that were trying to get Soviet approval for his flight. He flew across Canada to Greenland, Iceland, and then to Europe. When he reached Denmark in mid-August, his friends reported a breakthrough; he had clearance to fly to Moscow but no further. Dave felt that possibly he could talk to the right people in Moscow and get approval to go on across the USSR. He also thought about giving up the idea completely since money was a concern and too many details were uncertain.

Now, Dave has his clearance to enter the Soviet Union and go to Moscow and damn, Gorbachev was kidnapped, the USSR is in total revolution, so Dave simply turned around and flew back to the good old USA.

Dave has lots to say about the countries and people he met. The English were wonderful, the Greenlanders charged too much money, the French were rude. One thing I found interesting in reading the article about the flight is the article written in a Bangor, Maine newspaper that kept referring to his age. Dave says "I got the idea they thought I should either be in an old folk's home or dead, but not flying an airplane. I kept telling the guy, 'Let's get off the age thing. Let's talk about the trip.'" Dave did meet a lot of the common people in the nations he visited, those that respected and wondered at an American out chasing and accomplishing a dream.

It is too bad that Dave had to turn around and not complete his round the world flight. He did put a lot of time in the air, figure it out - about 90 miles per hour for 14,000 miles. He still has not received official recognition as the first person to fly across the Atlantic solo in an Open-Cockpit Biplane. For the National Aeronautical Association, which sanctions records, wanted $4,800.00 to monitor and authorize the flight. Dave felt that this money would be better used on gasoline etc. He is planning to forward his documentation to the Guiness Book of Records and hopes they will include him.

By the way, Dave got a nice letter from another Aviator (former). It reads, "Congratulations on your transatlantic solo flight -- a particularly remarkable achievement in an open cockpit aircraft. Your courage and your determination are an inspiration. Best wishes, and continuing success." Sincerely, George Bush.

Dave is still hoping to complete an around the world flight. He like so many others needs someone, some group, some organization, some company to sponsor him. I hope this will happen soon for a real aviator, Dave Davidson.

Dave is writing a book and this venture will be in the last chapter. The book title is; "Biplane Adventures with Dave Davidson".

Received a nice photo and information pack from Lars de Jounge regarding the Klemm 35D. The photo on the back page is of the Klemm 35 D SN 1979. Lars tells us it was manufactured in 1941, and is probably the most famous of the Klemm designs. In 1938 Hans Klemm took over the Daimler manufacturing under his sole ownership and started Hans Klemm Flugzeugbau. The factory was initially occupied by the production of the Klemm 35. About 3,500 planes were manufactured and some were manufactured at the plants of Fieseler and Zlinn. In early 1943 when Klemm was ordered to change the manufacturing to Messerschmitt 163 aircraft, Klemm retired himself as chief of his own company.

The Klemm 35 made its debut in 1935 as a low wing 2 seat sport plane and trainer, with a 60 HP engine well suited for aerobatic flying. The 35 D was a special version for basic training with a robust landing gear and a 105 HP Hirth 504A-2 engine. In 1938 an altitude record of 8,303 meters was set with this type plane. The plane was flown with both skis and floats.

Before world War II the Swedish Airforce used the de Havilland Tiger Moth and later the Focke Wulff Fw 44J "Stieglitz". In March 1940 the Swedish Airforce managed to order 74 airplanes from Germany. They were given the military classification Sk15A.

The Klemm (on the back page) with the serial number 1979 was given the Swedish Airforce number 5050 and started to train pilots after its arrival in Sweden. In January 1948 it was offered for sale on the civilian market.

The plane was obtained by Halmstad Flying Club and had 1020 hours on it. It was given the registration SE-BGD. On May 2, 1948 the pilot forgot to open the fuel valve and the plane landed in the North Sea, in shallow water, near the field. It was repaired but the

airworthiness certificate was allowed to expire on January 14, 1951 and it sat idle until October 1954 when it was sold to a Kjell Ake Tullberg from Helsingborg. In 1959 it was bought by Ljungbyhed Flying Club. In June 1961 it was purchased by the passenger in the plane when it crashed in the North Sea. The airworthiness certificate was again allowed to expire and in April 1965 was taken off the registry with a total of 1,525 hours on it.

In 1966 Lars found the plane sitting outside at Skanes Fagerhult airport in South Sweden. It was brought to the US in 1976. The restoration was done by Mr. Monty Groves at the Frazier Lake airport until December 1991. In January 1992 the plane was transported to Chino airport for final assembly and certification. It will be based at the Corona Airport.

Thanks Lars for the beautiful pictures and for the interesting story of the Klemm 35D.

FROM THE EDITOR

As you can see I had quite a bit of material to use this month. Please send in articles, pictures etc. I promise I will try and use them. After all, this is our letter.

Member Sheldon Jacobs is trying to locate employees of Douglas Aircraft during the period 1959 - 1961. He can be contacted at his home 1742 Redesdale Ave., Los Angeles, 90026.

Several members have sent me membership renewals and money for badges. Please order your badges directly from Dick Beagle (address below). I don't mind ordering them for you, but you must send a separate check and postage.

Connie has already mentioned the January meeting and Tony LeVier. What a great night it was. Lets all try and contact someone that might be of interest to us. We can use videos, movies, etc. Think hard so the activities can continue to flow in an orderly manner.

Membership: renewals are coming in quite nicely. Lets all try and recruit at least one new member this year. Don't forget, the date on you mailing label is the date your dues are due. Also, the new dues are $10.00 per year.

Leo Gay has asked me to remind all of you of the Wings 'n Wheels event at Santa Ynez July 17,18,19. Leo also asked me to make it bold so for you Leo here it is:

SANTA YNEZ WINGS 'N WHEELS, JULY 17, 18, AND 19. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. CONTACT LEO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

ALSO, FEBRUARY MEETING AT THE JOHNSONS FOR A POT LUCK. PLEASE CALL AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING AND HOW MANY ARE COMING. FOR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER SEE CURRENT EVENTS SECTION.

BADGES

Badges are available for $5.00 each from:

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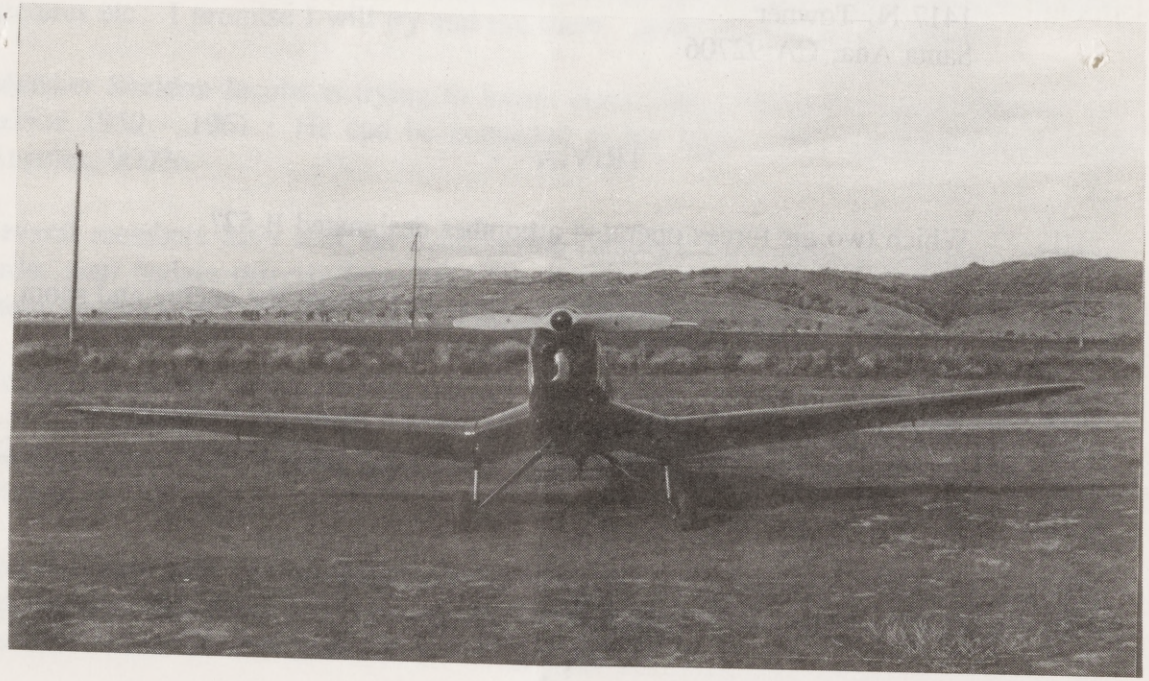
TRIVIA

1. Which two air forces operated a bomber designated B-52?

2. Who said: "The task of a fighter pilot is to seek out the enemy and shoot him down. Everything else is rubbish.:

3. What was the month and year of the first Pan American passenger service ... and the date of the last Pan American passenger service?

Klemm 35 D. Courtesy Lars de Jounge.



Member Bob Scott and his beautiful Cessna 170. Bob Scott.

Answers to trivia questions.

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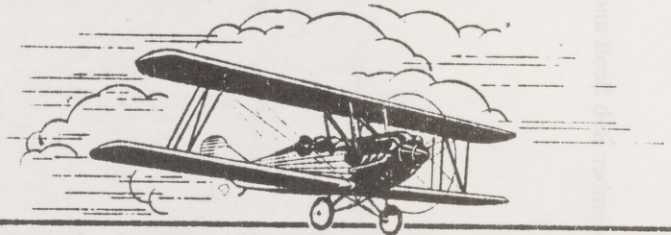
2. Baron Manfred von Richthofen.

3. January 11, 1928. December 4, 1991.



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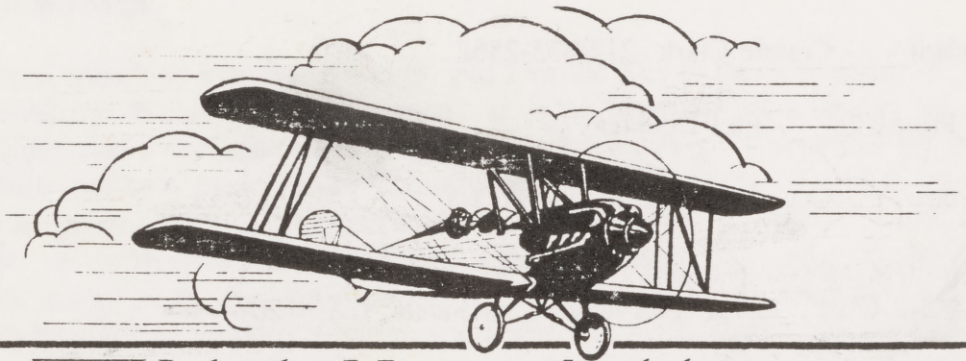

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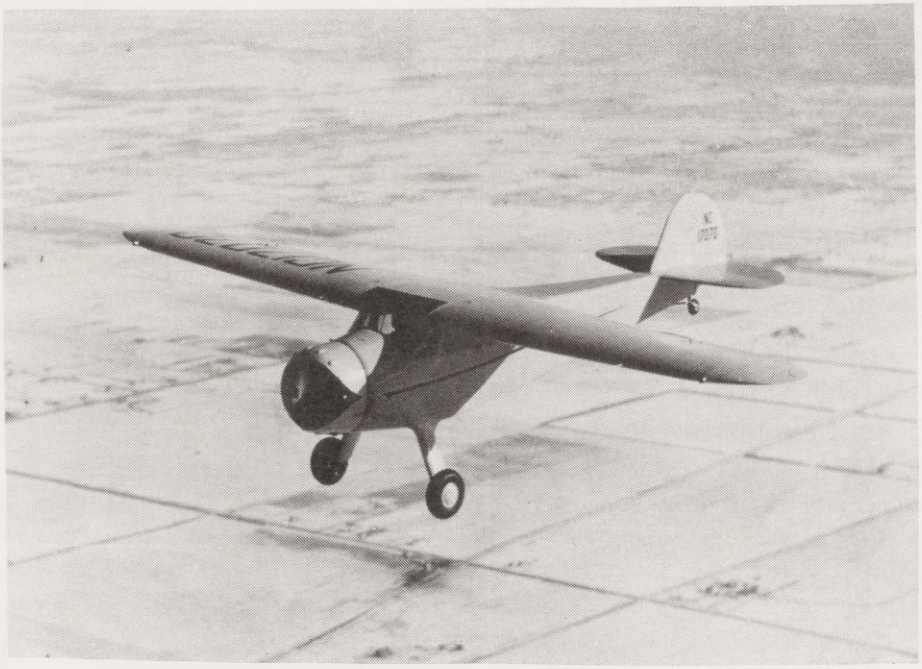

Cessna C-37. Courtesy Bill Mallory

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President's Message

It is of course, members who make a club, and I would like to thank so many of you who are pitching in to make the VAA a good one. Ceci Stratford has a speaker for our March meeting, and I am sure this is going to be a fun evening. I hope that by press time a decision has been made on our Chino outing. Member Elmer Ward has offered to open his hanger for our group. Elmer owns the magnificent P-51 "Man O' War", and you will also see the Bearcat that is mentioned in the newsletter. So mark your calendars now for this special event, you can either fly or drive. I'm sure you could not miss the bold type in last months newsletter letting you know that Santa Ynez is one week later than usual this year. You might want to get your reservations made. We do hope that Dave Davidson will tell us about crossing the Atlantic and his flight through Europe in an open-cockpit biplane at our May meeting, this schedule is not certain yet, so watch for details. See you March 20th, (first day of Spring).

The February Pot Luck was a most enjoyable evening, and one that held a few surprises There are a lot of good cooks in the VAA and I'm sure all of us certainly enjoyed all that good food. Dessert was also quite special, with Jim and Kay Fosselman bringing four flavors of their special ice cream. Marc Herman, did you really have seven scoops? One of the surprises was member Jim Cole, who we haven't seen since he moved to Atascadero. Jim was quite creative and made a video of everyone in attendance as a goodby remembrance for Don and Sue. Yes, the Johnsons will be moving to Oklahoma, probably by summer. They bought property on an airport and will be having a house built, and it is beautiful. They have photos of the model they have chosen. Many thanks to Don and Sue for hosting the party.

CURRENT EVENTS

Thanks to Mal and Ceci Stratford for inviting our guest speaker for the March 20 meeting at Glendale College, 7:30 pm. The speaker will be Col. Russ Drosendahl from the Confederate Air Force, Southern California Wing. Col. Drosendahl is Wing Leader for the local group which has about 120 members. The Southern California Wing has a C-46, Sn-J, and most recently a Bearcat. All of these

aircraft are flown at airshows and are kept at Camarillo Airport. All VAA members are welcome to visit this facility. At the meeting Col. Drosendahl will talk about the CAF and show a film of the aircraft and the people of the CAF. Col. Drosendahl himself has a remarkable background in aviation. He learned to fly in 1942 in a Porterfield in New York. He instructed in B-24's in the Army Air Corps, and ended up in B-29's. He flew for 34 years for TWA, first in DC-3's and retired as a Captain on L-1011's. We look forward to this meeting and the Colonels talk and film. Thank you Mal and Ceci.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

Connie Clark received the following two bits of information and passed them on to me for inclusion in the letter. Thank you Connie (the news input has been a little sparse this month). Members Bob and Carol Curtin of Scottsdale, Arizona have been featured in the Phoenix newspapers. Bob has done many good deeds with his Tiger Moth. The latest was giving rides to several young cancer patients as a result of a drawing. A photo was shown of one of the winners sitting in the front cockpit of Bobs Tiger. Keep up the good work Bob, we know they really appreciate and love you for this effort.

From the Thompsons in Port Angeles, Washington. Earl says, "It's hard for us to believe we have been here three years. The first year was taken with finding and building our house and getting moved in. It's a nice place but had been tied up in an estate battle for years, and neglected. Needed a lot of TLC. The second year was spent mainly working on the garage/shop. The third year Dorothy continued the re-landscaping project but I took a sorta enforced year off. Started the year with a cold, bronchitis, pneumonia, and lingering chest pains. A short break and then a series of tests ending with biopsy surgery for cancer (false alarm, but wearing) and then finished off the year with another bout of bronchitis. 1991 was as loser! I'm starting my third year (I hope last) as secretary of the local Radio Control Model Airplane club, do volunteer services at the Eagles and keep tabs on the action at a couple local taverns. Mostly I fix, fiddle and tinker in shop/garage, and make lists of projects I'll never get around to doing. There is nothing like VAA here. There is an EAA chapter, but I've been too busy to get involved in that. Maybe this summer. It's hard to get too enthused with airplanes when

you can't fly anymore, sometimes just being around the airport hurts. The models keep me more than busy anyway".

FROM THE EDITOR

When I took the job (temporarily) as editor, little did I realize how rewarding it would be. I receive mail from other groups, associations, and most importantly from members of our own group, many of whom I know nothing or little. Via these letters I feel that I know you all. Thanks and keep them coming.

As I said earlier, information for the letter this month has been a little "skinny". Please send in your articles, etc. There is enough going on this month and next to fill the letter, but that is not always the case.

Again, I make my editor/membership plea, look at your mailing label and if your dues have expired please renew as soon as possible, the dues are now $10.00 per year. Also, let's all try and recruit new members. If we want this organization to survive and grow, we must all try and bring new people in.

I am now ready to print and send the directory to those that send me a stamped large envelope. For those of you attending the meeting this month I hope to have them ready for your pick-up.

Many of you may have read in the paper recently that Eldon Cessna passed away. Eldon was the designer of the airplanes that saved the Cessna Aircraft Co. in the 1930's by designing the CG-2 glider. He left Cessna Aircraft in 1934 and joined Douglas Aircraft as a design engineer. He went to North American Aviation in 1938 where he remained for 31 years. He was 84 years old and is survived by his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

With the above note about Eldon Cessna, I will respond to several letters that I have received. The aircraft featured in the January letter are early Cessna aircraft from my collection. I have included more in this issue and I have captioned them. I apologize

to those of you that wrote me asking for captions.

If you are interested in Aviation Museums then you need to purchase, borrow, steal or otherwise procure a copy of a new book; "Kitty Hawk to NASA", A Guide To U.S. Air & Space Museums And Exhibits by Michael Morlan.

If anyone asked me what do I consider the hardest job in writing the letter I would say, "It is figuring out a way to make our membership aware of the current and coming events". I am bold printing the events hoping this will catch the eye.

COMING EVENTS

Justin Wilde and Bob Scott have been working hard to set up a complete tour of Chino. We are happy to announce this has been done and we will have our April event at the Chino Airport. I am going to summarize the information that Justin sent me. We will meet at Flo's Cafe for breakfast 8:30 to 9:45 this is of course optional. From 10:00 to 10:45 we will tour the Pacific Fighters. At 11:00 we will spend two hours touring the Yanks Museum courtesy of member Stan Hoefler. From 1:00 to 2:00 we will tour the Military Aircraft Restoration. From 2:00 on the Planes of Fame Museum will be ours to tour. At some point in the tour we will see Elmer Ward's Bearcat mentioned in the Presidents Message.

With the exception of the Planes of Fame Museum, many of the areas we will tour contain collections of some of the best aircraft in the U.S. and are generally not open to the public.

Pacific Fighters specialize in WWII aircraft. Member Stan Hoefler is the curator of the Yanks Air Museum and has offered to take us on a complete tour of their facility. One hanger contains over a dozen "mint" condition aircraft . One of their hangers is filled with eye-popping projects, from two Jennys and a Cessna Bobcat to a P47 and several other aircraft. I'm sure Stan will share his stories of how he found these interesting aircraft. Military Aircraft Restoration has a hanger full of aircraft being restored, including the front half of a B-24, a skinless P-38, with a B-25, B-26, and an F7 Tigercat parked out front. Bob Scott has arranged

for us to have a special tour of the Planes of Fame Museum at a low special member rate (keep your fingers crossed . . . it might be $0.)

Justin tells me that a complete schedule will be posted on the bulletin board at the inside hallway entrance to Flo's Cafe. For those that want to start late, please try to schedule your start at the beginning of a hanger tour. For those that want lunch, the logical time would be during the Military Aircraft Restoration time slot.

In the afternoon there will be a commemoration of the Doolittle raid and they will be flying the B-25.

Bring you cameras and walking shoes, this promises to be a super tour. Don't forget, April 4.

Connie mentioned in her message the Santa Ynez "Wings n Wheels" event. Get your reservations in early. You can contact Leo Gay at 818/244-9787 for details. Of course, we will keep you advised as the time nears. The dates this year are July 17,18, 19.

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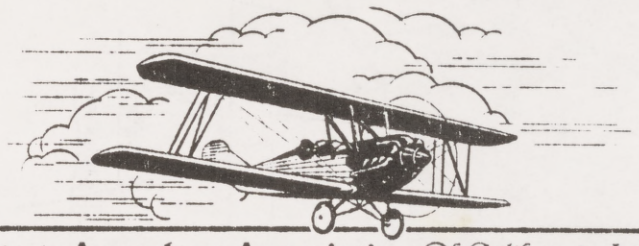

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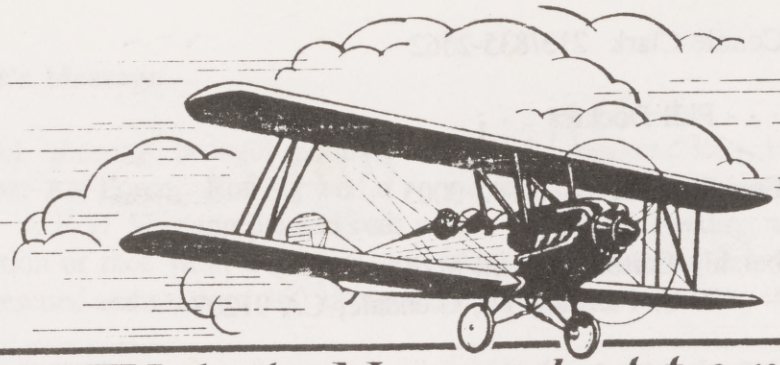

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President's Message

Our March meeting brought another marvelous speaker, Ron Flieschman of the Confederate Air Force. Ron showed a very interesting color film of the beginnings of the CAF. A P-51 Mustang painted red, white, and blue. Needing another war bird to fly formation or race with, a Bearcat was added, and from these beginnings, the CAF now has rescued and restored 160 airplanes. Thanks Ron, for a very interesting meeting.

Dave Davidson, first man to fly an open cockpit biplane across the Atlantic and our clubs first President, will be in California in May, and will be presenting a slide show to our group on **Friday, May 8 (at Glendale College)**. Mark you calendar now for this very interesting meeting. Other groups have been invited to join us - invite you friends -and bring cash, he also has a book for sale of this adventure and others.

CURRENT EVENTS

As you have read in the Presidents Message, Dave Davidson will be our guest at our may Meeting at Glendale College. Please note the date change MAY 8, this is one week earlier than our scheduled meeting. We will start promptly at 7:30 since Dave will need about two hours to show is entire slide show. I have talked with Dave and he has told me that he will be accepting donations to help cover the cost of his trip to Europe. Those that want to can contribute $20.00 and receive his book free, or buy the book for $20.00. Dave will explain this when he arrives.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

Received a couple of nice notes from two of our members. I will publish then in total. I found both to be quite interesting. The first is from Bud Nelson, he writes" Enclosed, my payment for dues and self addressed envelope for directory. Enjoy the newsletter

very much and like to keep up with the schedule of events in hopes that we may be in L.A. at the right time. I'm busy trying to make float flying more affordable. At work with Tom Hamilton (Glasair creator) in an effort to certify composite floats for C-180, 185, 206. Should have approval in 2 months. Say hello to Leo and June and Frank Compton and the others. I'm sure Leo is busier now than before he retired!"

The second letter is from Doug Kelley to Connie Clark. "Here are our dues for 1991-3. It's always good to get the newsletter. Hope that we can get out west more in the future. My next LA trip is in mid May, and I hope to have the weekend free for some flying with the Torrance crowd. Now that our house is finally (2 1/2 years) finished we have: A. Room (lots) for visitors. B. Garage, basement, and shop space for a project so we've recently started work on a Kitfox. It's a very nice set of materials and instructions. No problems so far. The current plan is to finish it off with the Mr. Mulligan paint scheme - if no one else has already had the idea. The Kitfox will solve the hangar shortage problem as it will be housed in the garage on a trailer, wings folded. Meanwhile the T-18 still resides in Martinsburgh, W. VA (1 1/2 hour drive) and it gets flown now and then. It's still awaiting a new propeller. I have a business trip to Florida that over-laps with Sun n Fun, plus another junket that will get me to Oshkosh again this year. Hope to see some VAAers at one or the other. Hope all is well. Best regards to the crowd."

These letters are always interesting to me and the other members. Please keep them coming.

FROM THE EDITOR

There are several items that I want to mention in this letter. First of all, please look at your mailing label, if your dues renewal date is 1990 or 1991, you should renew. The dues are now $10.00 per year. Please let's get the dues in, we can't afford to send newsletters to those that are far in arrears. Secondly, I need informational items, pictures etc. I promise, I will try and put the items in the next letter after I receive them.

Connie and Ed were on vacation during the Chino visit and Connie asked me to say a few

words about the visit. What can we say, it was fantastic and all of us owe a vote of thanks to Justin Wilde and Bob Scott for setting this up. During the Chino visit I saw lots of cameras madly clicking away. Where are the pictures you took? If you send me pictures I will have them in the letter and will return your prints. At any rate, the editor was absolutely flabbergasted by what I saw. For those of you that were not there, we missed you and you missed a heck of a tour. As I looked around at Chino I saw many members but most of all I saw a lot of visitors. These kinds of events are sure to provide us with new members. We should all invite friends to meetings and events and ask them to join.

One last item, I am still making the directory available and will send you one if you send me a large SASE. I will also have them with me at the meeting May 8.

COMING EVENTS

The Watsonville Fly-In 1992 will be held May 22,23, and 24. If you attend I am sure you will see some VAA folks there.

Leo Gay sends this information to us. Santa Ynez Valley Airfest. This event will occur June 27 and 28. The event organizers are inviting VAA members to display their aircraft. There will be aerobatic displays and fly-bys of military aircraft. Please try to support this event, Santa Ynez airport has always been a big supporter of the "Wings n Wheels Event".

And again from Leo. The Santa Ynez "Wings n Wheels" event will take place this year July 17 -19. Leo says plans are well along, another interesting tour is being planned by tour leader Austin Pell. Leo has requested that all who plan to attend do the following: 1) make a check out to VAAC in the amount of $34.00 per person and mail it to him at 1918 Florena Ct., Glendale, CA 91208; 2) list your aircraft type (if flying in; 3) print your name exactly as you want it to appear on your name badge. Leo would appreciate you doing this ASAP as it will help him

match you up with a driver. Leo has also asked if you would please observe the areas to stay clear of when flying into the Santa Ynez airport (a map is enclosed). We do not want to cause any problems with the local homeowners.

The following hotels/motels have vacancies:

King Frederic Inn, Solvang	**805/688-5515**
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NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome these new members this month.

Jim and Jeannie Nunnelee. Jim is an A&P instructor at Glendale College. He is a pilot and spends as much time in his C-182 as possible. You may see him quite often at Whiteman. Jim and his lovely wive have been friends with your editor for many years.

David and Dorothy Christ. David is a recently hired A&P instructor at GCC. He is a CFI and an avid airplane buff. This issue has several photos submitted by Mr. Christ. I would like to add that these photos are from the Chino outing. Dave is one of those "lucky" people who flew the Boring (no spelling error) B-47. Maybe we can get Dave to tell us of his experiences some day.

Walter Long. Walter has been interested in airplanes since he was a little kid. His father was an aircraft mechanic in WWI. He says his father used to make little models of various aircraft from cigarette boxes and would paint them and hang them in his room. Walt learned to fly in 1947 at the Curtiss Reid Flying School in Cartierville, Mtl Que.

We welcome you all.

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3. What are the western engine choices for the TU-204?

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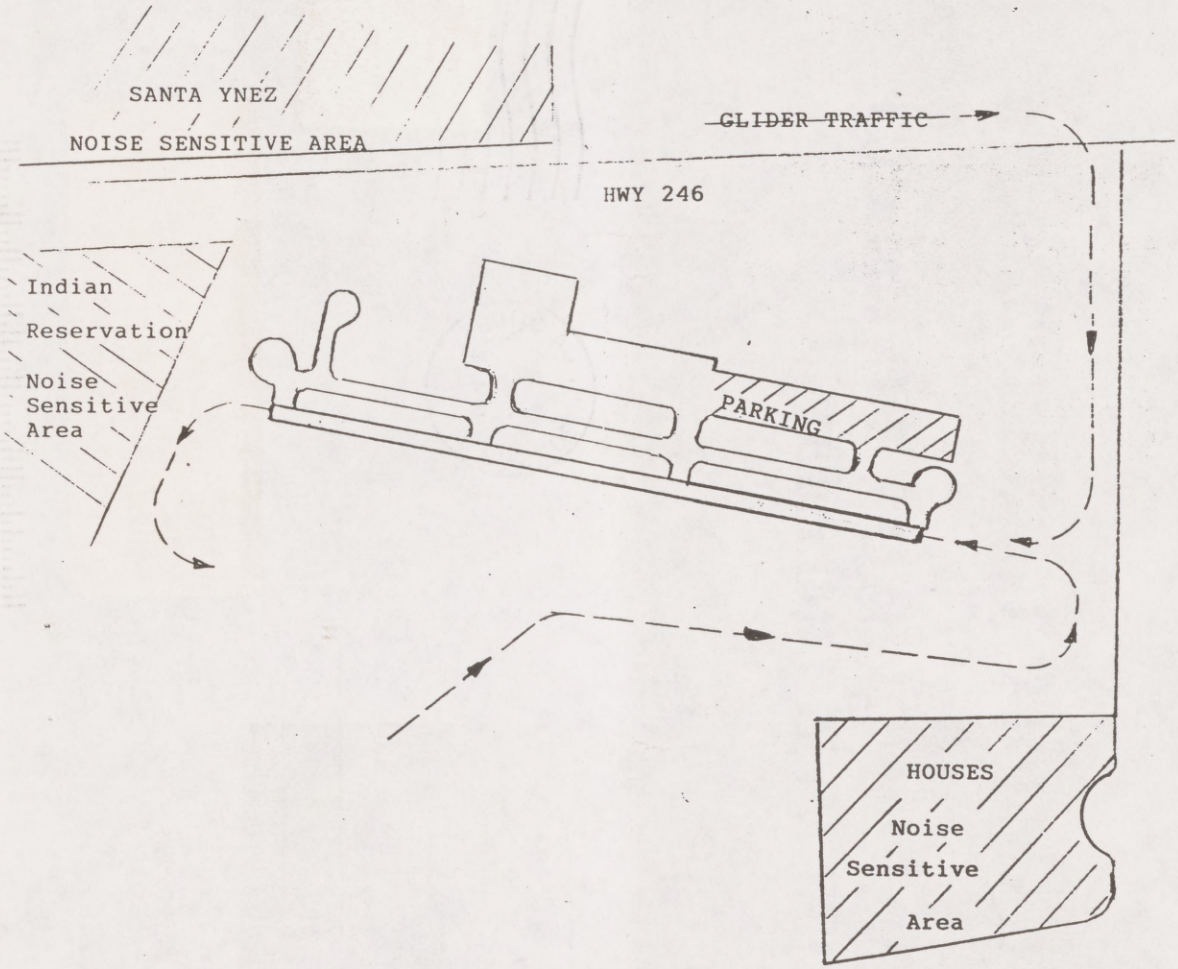

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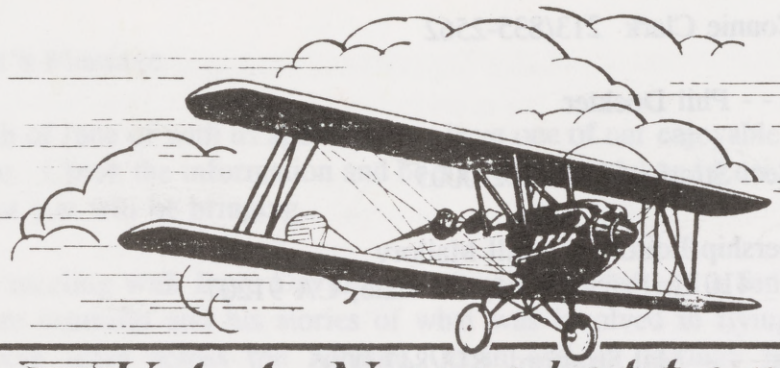

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The month of June of with us again and we have one of our enjoyable Pot Lucks to look forward to. Check the information and be sure to give Mal and Ceci a call and let them know what you will be bringing.

Our May meeting with Dave Davidson was well attended and a fun evening. Dave's slides were beautiful and his stories of what was involved in flying an open cockpit biplane both ways across the Atlantic Ocean and all through Europe were quite interesting. I'm sure all those that bought his book have enjoyed it immensely; makes you want to do some adventuring yourself.

If you haven't gotten your money to Leo yet for Santa Ynez, please do so, and hope to see lots of you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

As you have read in the Presidents Message, our event for this month will be the Pot Luck at Mal and Ceci Stratford's. This will occur Sunday June 14, at 4:00. Please give them a call and let them know what you will bring. The phone number is 818/842-0005.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

Connie sent this piece of information in. Those of you who remember Bill Wylam will be glad to know that he was recently at an OX5 Aviation Pioneers get-together at Cable Airport. He is now retired and living in Santa Barbara. Bill drew schematics of airplanes for modelers to build from in the 30's and 40's. He is remembered as one of the most outstanding artist's ever.

FROM THE EDITOR

I received no news items this month (other than the letter to Connie). Again, I ask you to send in items that you think would interest the membership. This is really our News letter and I am only the person that sorts it out. On the membership side; there are still many of you that have not renewed your membership. Please look at the address label and see if you owe. Also, several have sent the dues in at the old rate; I remind you, the new dues is $10.00 per year. Thank you for taking care of this promptly.

I still have copies of the directory and will send it to anyone that sends me a legal size SASE.

We are still searching for speakers or presenters for our meetings. If you know of anyone please let me or one of the officers know so that we might make contact with them.

Please read this letter carefully as there is much information in it regarding coming events, a map to the Stratford's and of Santa Ynez.

COMING EVENTS

Leo Gay sends us this Santa Ynez update (July 17-19). For pilots participating in this years event who are unable to get a rental car, a bus service has been set-up. The running times are as follows:

Friday July 17. Start of service from the airport is 2:00 PM. Last bus from the airport 5:30 PM. This bus will run to Solvang and Buelton.

Saturday July 18. Start of service from Buelton 7:00 AM, last bus from Buelton 8:45 AM. This will run to the airport. Note: everybody should be at the airport no later than 9:30 AM as the tour leaves at 10:00 AM sharp. The bus will

run between the airport and Buelton between the hours of 3 and 6:00 PM before dinner and between the airport and Buelton after dinner from 8 and 10:00 PM.

Sunday July 19. Start of service from Buelton is 7:00 AM, last bus from Buelton 8:45 AM. This will get everyone to the airport for breakfast.
This service is free for participants only and you must have your badge to ride.

Leo reminds you that you should be getting your check for $34.00 per person to him if you are planning to go to Santa Ynez. You should also print your name as you want it to appear on your badge, list your aircraft type if flying in. Remember, this event takes place July 17-19 and time will pass rapidly. Please send your check and information to Leo at 1918 Florena Ct., Glendale, CA 91208.

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NEW MEMBERS

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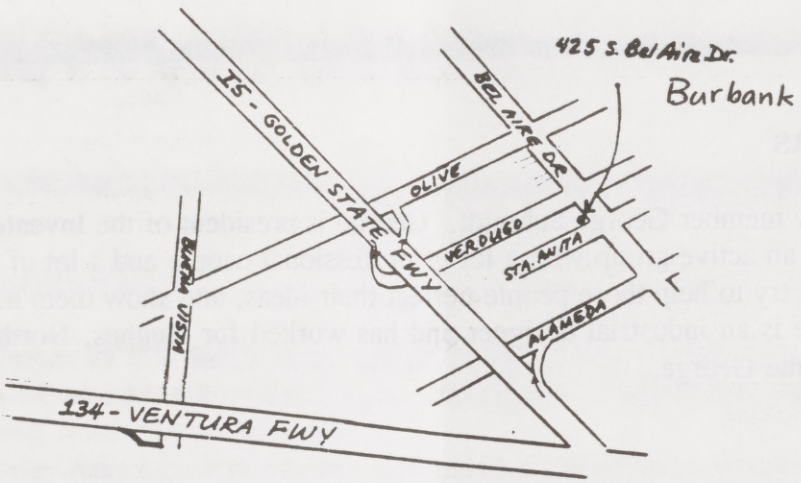

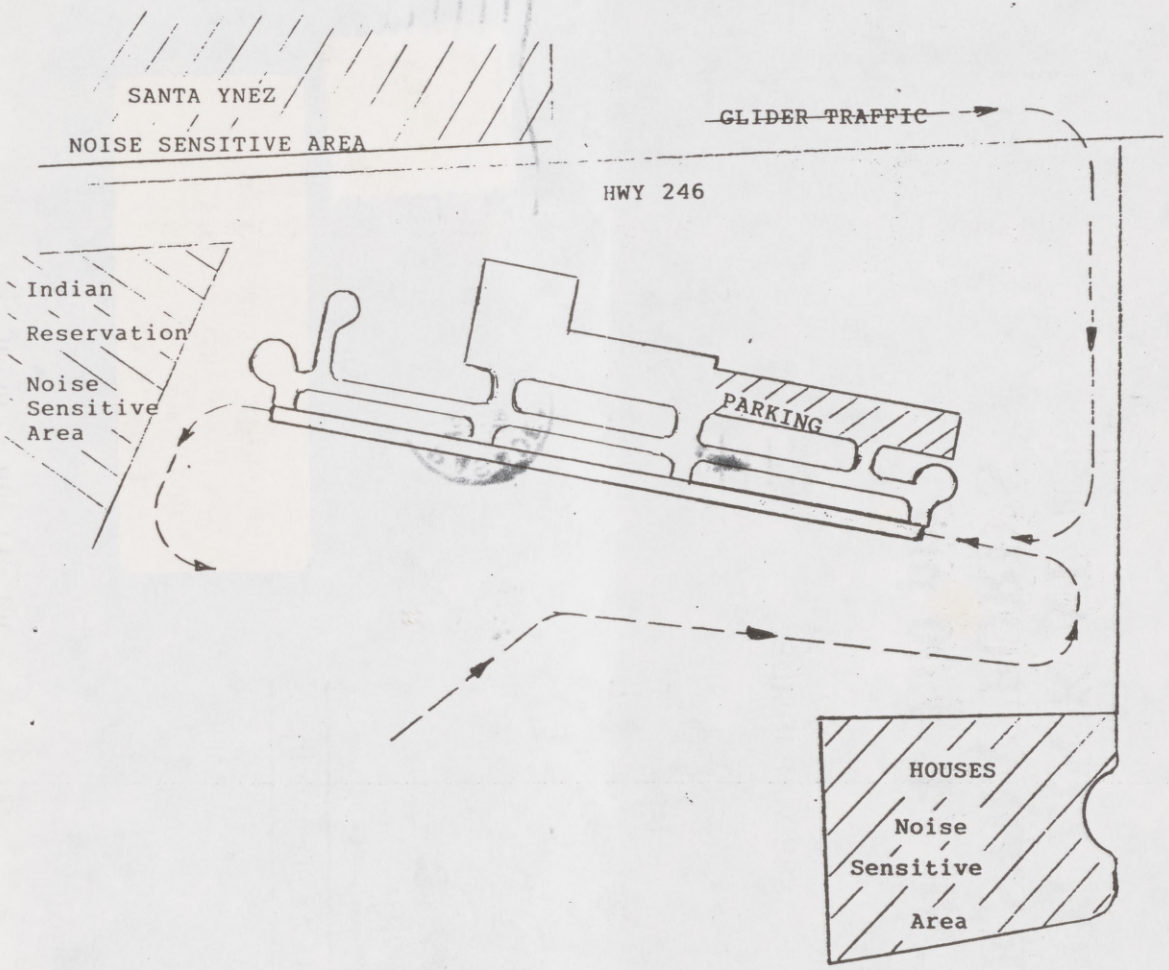

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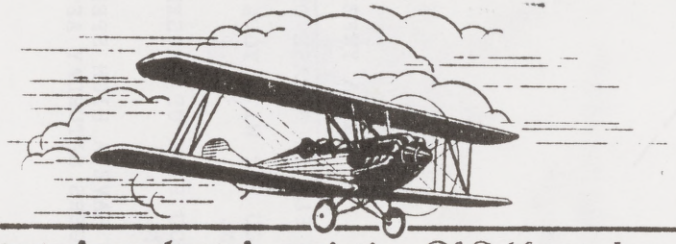

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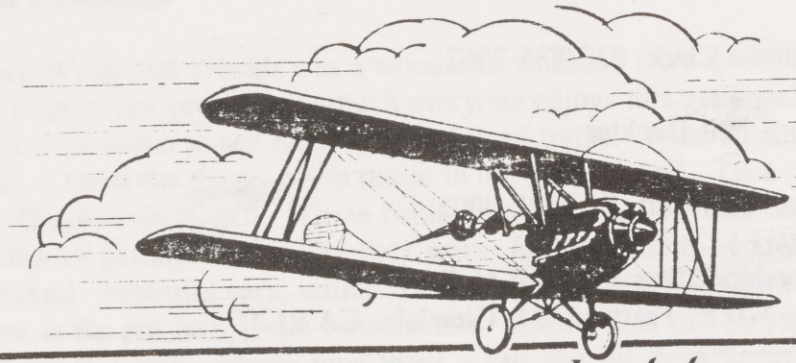

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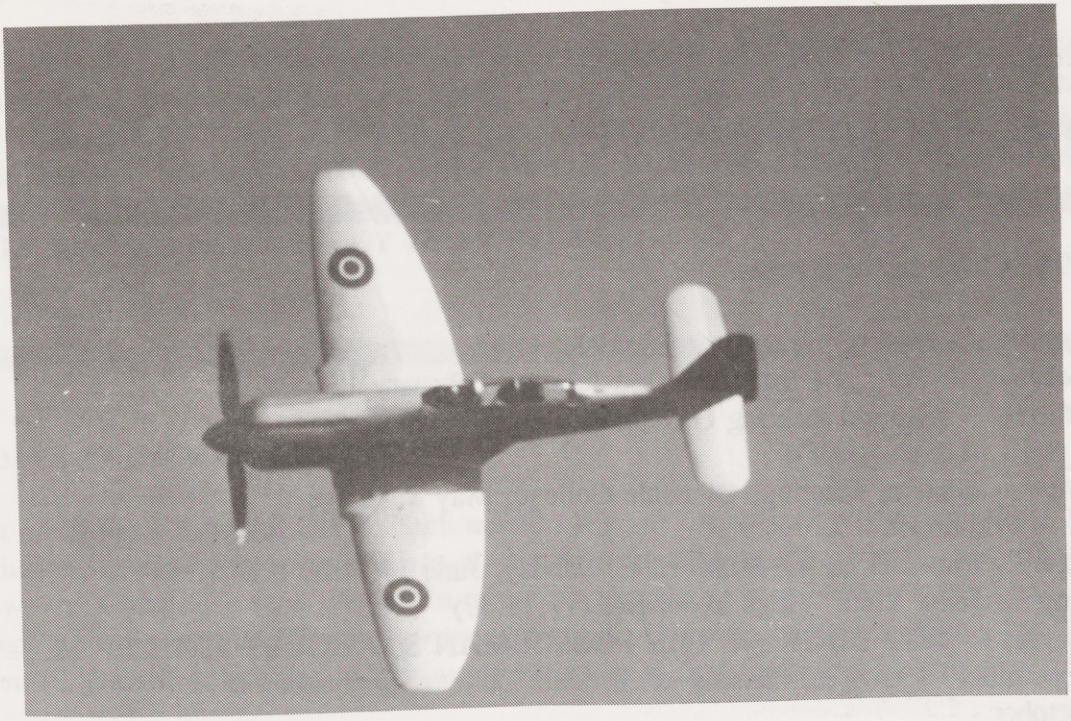

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CURRENT EVENTS

OUR EVENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS THE POT LUCK AT JIM AND KAY FOSSELMAN'S. THE EVENT WILL START AT 4:30 P.M. AUGUST 9th AT 520 ALAHMAR ST., ALHAMBRA. PLEASE CALL THEM AT 818/284-8642 TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS POT LUCK. YOU WILL MEET SOME REALLY NEAT PEOPLE.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

Not much news from All Over. Each month I remind you to send in bits and pieces for inclusion, it need not be much, we all are interested in people, planes, and events. However, Connie did send this in: In an earlier Newsletter we had an article on Lars de Junge's newly restored Klem. As you will recall, this is a Swedish airplane, and has spent 13 years in restoration. So it was a very special first flight that brought Lars and

his Klem to the Merced Fly-In this year. This is the only Klem in the USA, and was very impressive. Lars even managed to have a flagpole flying the Swedish flag. Nice touch, Lars.

Also from Connie. She received the schedule of appearnces for the Arizona Wing of the Confederate Air Force's B-17, "Sentimental Journey" and has asked me to print the dates when it will be local, or fairly local.

August 14-16	Madera Airport
August 17-19	Fresno Air Terminal
August 27-30	Hawthorne Municipal Airport
August 31-Sept 2	Santa Maria Airport
September 3-6	Santa Barbara Airport
September 7-9	Oxnard Airport
September 10-13	Orange County Airport
September 14-16	Riverside Airport
September 17-23	Long Beach Airport
September 24-27	Van Nuys Airport
September 28-30	Ontario Airport

It looks like there will be plenty of chances for those that have not seen this airplane to see it now. A real tour for the Arizona gang. (ed).

FROM THE EDITOR

I am sorry that I could not publish a complete Newsletter in July. I spent three fantastic weeks in an internship program for Aviation Mechanic Instructors at United Airlines in San Francisco. I thank June and Leo Gay for getting the flyer to press and in the mail.

For those of you that have a dues expiration date in 1991 (look on your address label), this will be your last letter. The cost of printing, postage, etc. just will not allow us to carry those of you that are that far behind in your dues any longer. Also, when you move, please let us know so that we can keep the information coming to you.

Also, I still have the directory for you if you send me a SASE (large one). I hope to update the directory in the fall.

I will be off for England and the major aviation museums, including the Farnborough International Air Show on the 28th of July. I hope that my videos etc. will be good enough to show at one of our general meetings. Because of this tour and the starting of school, I am going to be pressed to get the Newsletter out in September. I need your help, please send items of interest, pictures, and what ever for inclusion in the Newsletter.

COMING EVENTS

Leo Gay sends in the next two items.

Hawthorne 1991, August 29-30. The 1992 Airfaire will salute the U.S. Air Force, also the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the 8th Air Force in England. The 8th flew their first mission on August 17th, 1942 with a total of 12 aircraft.

This years event will feature warbirds and will have fly-bys between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. each day. There will be a B-17 from Arizona and we hope to have a Spitfire and Hurricane on Display.

This year the banquet will be at the Radisson Hotel and tickets are $45.00 each (was $60.00 last year). Contact Tom Quintana at 310/970-7905 for information.

If you would like to display your antique aircraft contact Leo Gay at 818/244-9787. We would like to have a display of WW II trainers to go with the WW II warbirds.

RENO 1992, September 17 - 20. Its the time of year again when racing fans are getting ready to return to Reno for the annual air racing week.

This year excitement is high as Lyle Shelton will be going for his attempt at winning 4

Reno unlimited races in a row, Daryl Greenamyer holds the record at 5 in a row. There are rumors that Darryl will return to racing with a brand new aircraft.

Reno also has a great airshow in addition to the greatest aircraft racing event in the world.

NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome Pat and Flora Krugh. They own a Nesmith Cougar N93140 and live at 2618 Santa Ana Ave. Unit B., Costa Mesa, CA. We hope to see you at our meetings and events.

Let's all try and bring at least one new member in to this fine organization this year.

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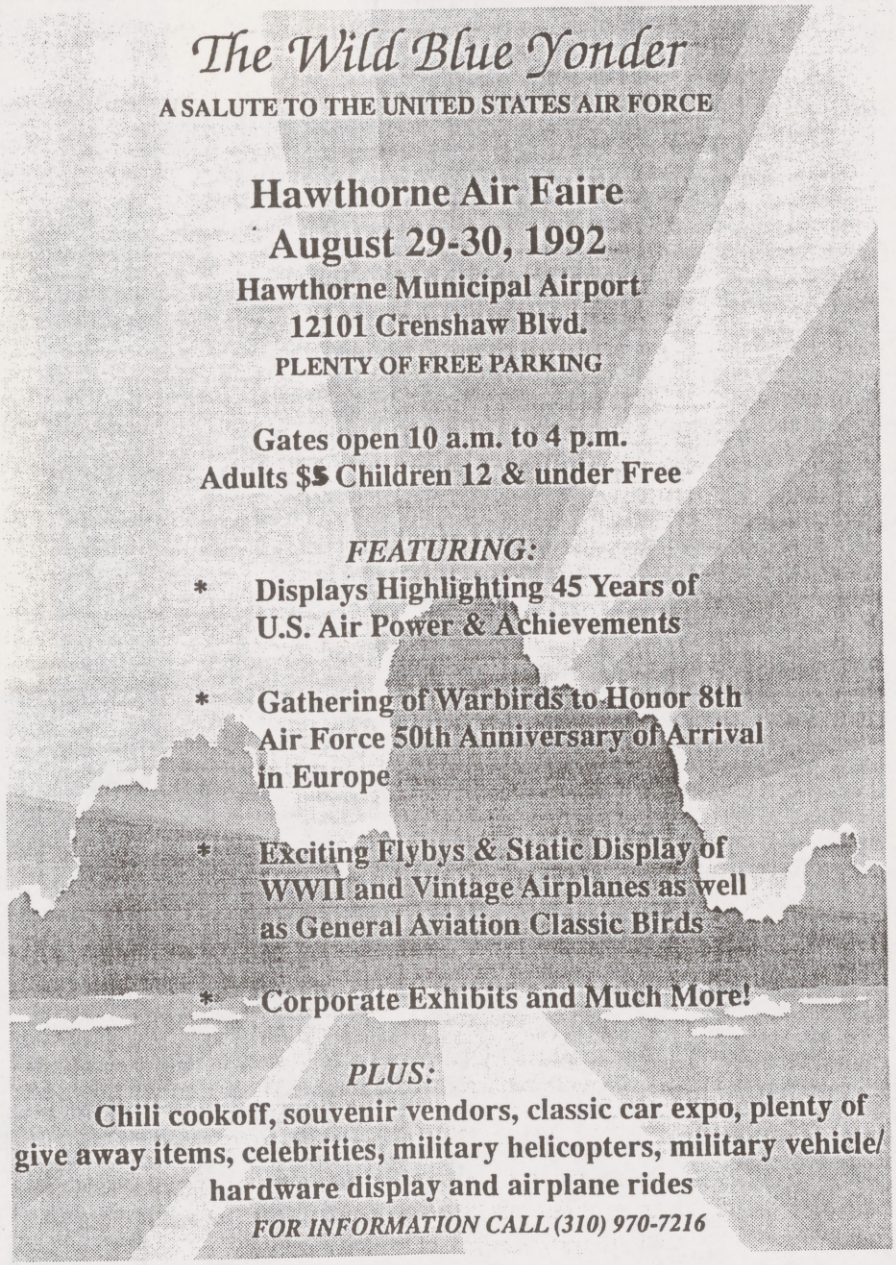
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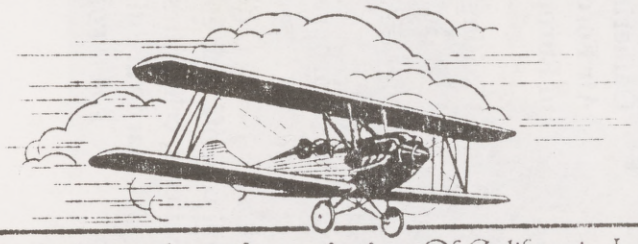

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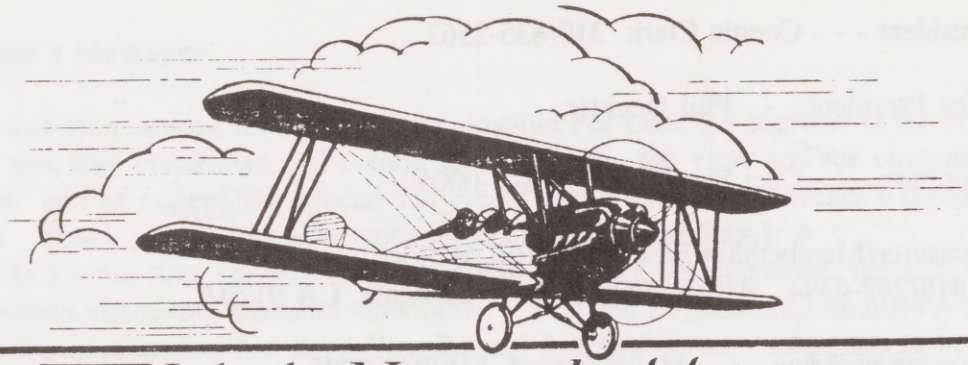

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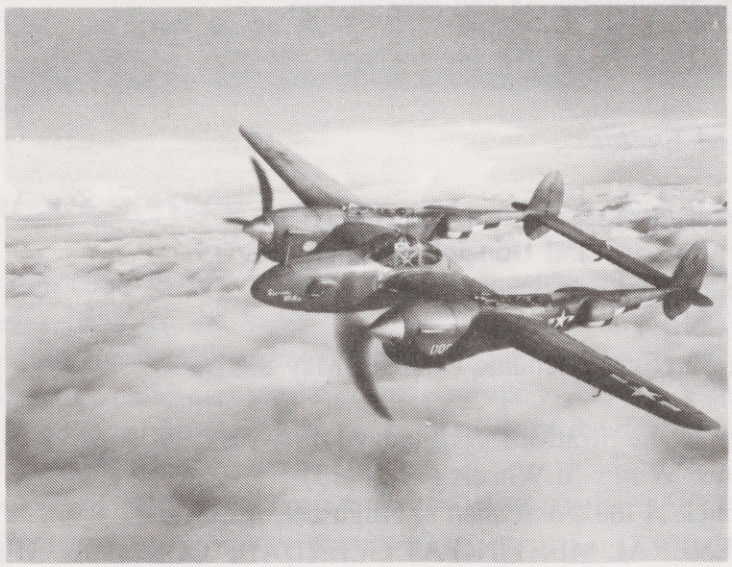

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THE month of August brought a very enjoyable Pot-Luck get together at the home of Jim and Kay Fosselman. The food was delicious, the view and the company was great, and of course the special ice cream made by the Fosselman's couldn't be equaled. Thank you so much for your hospitality, Jim and Kay.

As I write this, the Hawthorne Air Faire has not yet happened, but it is always an incredibly interesting weekend with all the P-51's and large aircraft on display as well as the antique aircraft. The B-17 "Sentimental Journey" is also scheduled to be there. Leo Gay works all year long to help put this weekend together, and he always does a terrific job.

Our meeting this month should be a good one, arranged by Bill Mallory, our hard working treasurer-newsletter editor-program chairman coordinator. Thanks Bill, for all your efforts for VAA.

CURRENT EVENTS

AS you read last month the Reno Air Races will be held September 17 - 20, this will require that our meeting be held one week later, **September 25 at Glendale Community College, at 7:30.** Our speaker will be Michael O'Leary. Hope to see you all there.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

I received this from Frank Compton too late to make the last letter. I always enjoy having Frank write up the Santa Ynez event. He writes. They always seem to get better-the 26th annual Wings and Wheels meeting at Santa Ynez was no exception.

More than 61 old cars and 10 classic military vehicles shared the lime light on Saturday during the "cruiseabout" on the back roads of the nearby Santa Ynez, Solvang, and Rancho Nojoqui areas.

Most of the 40 plus aircraft arrived before dark on Friday, a few more on Saturday and several early Sunday morning.

The weekend weather was near perfect (Class 1 Blue Bird). The early morning advection fog burned-off very early on both Saturday and Sunday mornings making it ideal for the motoring and flying activity.

The Santa Ynez Valley EAA chapter prepared and served the Saturday eve BBQ dinner and the Sunday morning ranch style breakfast to 337 VAAC members and friends.

Highlights of the auto tour on Saturday included a stop at the residence of a "hard core" model railroader. This beautiful 4000 sq ft home had 3500 sq ft of model trains moving about controlled by a computer. You have to see it to believe it.

The auto entourage later visited a miniature horse farm. Have you ever seen an 1/8th scale horse? They gotem. Very handsome animals. Ed Clark was overheard to say "I'd like to make a vest out of the grey one."

Thanks to those who attended. It was a great turnout. Cheers. Signed, Frank.

From Connie Clark come the following pieces of information. Don and Sue Johnson hope their home in Fullerton sells in time to be at their new home on an airport in Oklahoma by Christmas time. They have already taken all of their Christmas decorations to their new location!

Our best wishes go to Jean Cherniss who injured her spine while on vacation. Although it happened on a sailboat, she was "airborne" just before the injury occurred. We hope you are doing better now Jean. We missed you at the pot-luck.

Report on the Hawthorne Air Faire. The B-24 "Sentimental Journey" of the Confederate Air Force landed at Hawthorne Airport early Thursday afternoon. Other planes to be on exhibit came throughout Friday. Then Friday afternoon it happened! The Russian Mig-29 from the Ukraine arrived. It did two fly-bys, which were something to see, and then landed barely clearing the fence, popping its drogue chute and stopping far down the field. A yellow chopper from TV Channel 9 was overhead getting the entire show. As if that wasn't enough, we then had a fly-by with Elmer Ward in his P-51 and his newly restored Bear Cat, with his son flying. Next to arrive was Dick Smith in his Travel Aire. Such a lovely contrast. And what a start for the Air Faire. Saturday and Sunday brought many fly-bys including B-25 Bombers, P-51's, T-6's and Frank Compton's bright red SNJ. Ron Hackworth did a fly-by in a Douglas Dive Bomber (SBD). Mal Stratford was with the C-46 "China Doll", also of the Confederate Air Force. Mal Heflinger, John Madison, Hal Loomis, Gene Gast, and Ed Clark were among the club members who had aircraft on display. I know I've probably missed some of you. At 3:00 PM on Sunday the Mig-29 took off and sent straight up - - into the LAX TCA, with clearance of course, then a fly-by and again straight up doing vertical rolls. Impressive! Leo, you did a wonderful job putting the Air Faire together again this year.

We received a nice write-up covering the Wings and Wheels event in the San Fernando Valley Chapter Model A Club of America newsletter Rumble Sheet. Also, a nice letter to the VAA from the Secretary of the club, it reads: On behalf of the members

of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America, who attended the recent "Wings and Wheels" event in Solvang, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your invitation to participate this year. It was truly a "memorable" time for all of us. If given the opportunity to participate next year, our Club would like to offer our services to your organization to help out. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Once again, thank you very much for this invitation and remarkable experience. Sincerely, Carol L. Mosher, Secretary. Thank you for the letter, it was our pleasure to have you.

Thanks to all of you that sent in information for the letter. It is my pleasure to put it in print. Please keep up the good work. (See below).

FROM THE EDITOR

MY idea of a newsletter is a vehicle whereby the membership is kept advised of club or organization events and meetings. In addition, I feel it should be a device whereby the members can let others know of items of general and specific interest. Why am I editorializing? Because I am the editor, and because I am once again pleading for items for the letter. I am sure we all attend functions, visit places, see things that would be of interest to some if not all of us. We are sorely in need of good pictures. Just the other day someone asked me if I could work from color photos. Color is the very best as the contrast is greater than black and white. I am sure there are lots of pictures from Santa Ynez that could fit very nicely into the letter.

From time to time we all come across some thing or item that catches our fancy. With your indulgence I would like to share a couple of items with you. First, about two years ago Airtime Publishing in Westport, Connecticut started printing a publication that originates in England, its title: World Airpower. For those of you that appreciate beautiful aviation photography this is your kind of work. This publication is jammed with beautiful color photos, large fold-outs, and reviews all of the major airpowers in the world. Like so many journals it is printed only four times per year, and is not available on the newsstands. Secondly, real men can collect display dinner plates. The Hamilton Collection in Jacksonville, Florida has started issuing display plates of twelve great fighter planes of WWII. So far they have issued P-51 "Old Crow", and an F4-U "Big Hog". These are first class productions and will make a nice decoration for the den or office; price $32.27 per issue. If you are interested you should act fast as these are limited in issue.

At the pot luck I put forth an idea to many of the members there, the idea I have

is to open up the newsletter to limited non-commercial ads. Those members at the party felt this to be a good idea. I am sure many of us have things we want to sell or in some cases give away. Also, we may be looking for some item, this would allow the members to make their needs known. I suggest that unless anyone has strong feelings against this concept that you forward to me your items to sell, or buy or whatever. This must be limited to members only, and only those in good standing. (Another way to get the dues in, sneaky uh?). Also, I am open to suggestions, advice, and objections.

May I remind you one more time (sounds like a broken record) to check your mailing label for your dues expiration date. In looking at my records I find 87 members that owe dues for 1991 and up to August of 1992, this represents 41 percent of our membership. In addition it represents $870 in revenue if those behind pay just the $10.00 rate (new dues amount). Please, please send in your renewal ASAP.

COMING EVENTS

IF you look inside the front page of the letter you will see the schedule of events, past and presently planned. I highlight those events that are for the current month. You will see that the next event will be **the Pot Luck at the Western Museum of Flight at the West end of Hawthorne Airport, on October 18. The event will start at noon so that those that want to fly, can leave early for your return flight home. More information will be in the next letter. Their are a number of aircraft undergoing restoration at Hawthorne, including a Tiger Moth and a T-6. Mark your schedules for this event.**

The Christmas party is now planned. It will be at Marc and Royan Herman's on December 12. Mark your calendars for this one also. More information will be in the later issues of the letter. Don't forget the next general meeting at Glendale College, September 25, at 7:30. See you there.

NEW MEMBERS

THIS month we welcome the following new members: Ed and Nancy Cox. Ed is the manager of Compton Airport. They live in Torrance and own and fly a 415-D Ercoupe. They are presently building an RV-3. If you see N2473H in the air around the South Coast give them a big VAA howdy. Welcome Ed and Nancy.

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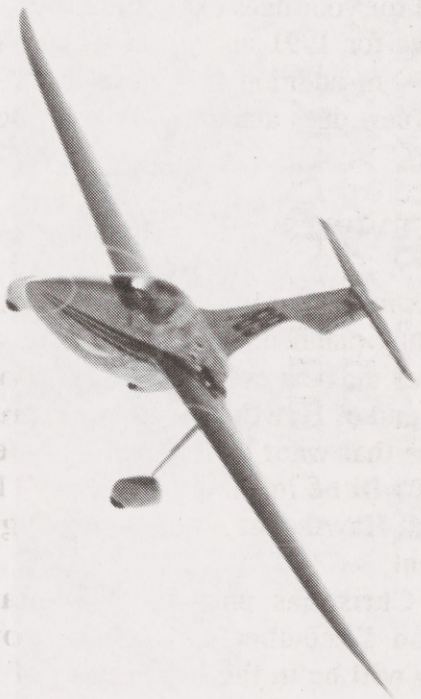

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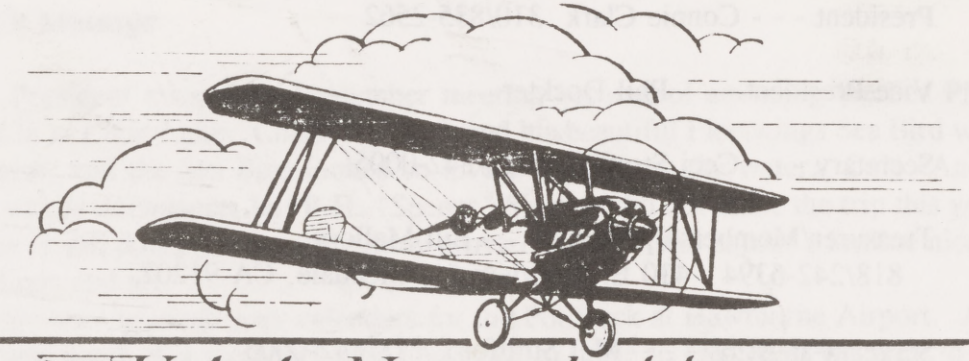

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President's Message

YOUR President missed the September meeting because of attending the Sea Plane Splash-In at Clear Lake. Channing Clark and his beautiful Fleetwings Sea Bird were also there, and the Sea Bird looked so lovely floating on the water. Dale "Andy" Anderson was in attendance, but P.H. "Spence" Spencer did not make the trip this year, although he is still doing fairly well. Andy proved he could still handle a SeaBee nicely, water landings and all.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Pot Luck at Hawthorne Airport. And for all of you South Bay members who don't like to drive to Glendale, we want to see your smiling faces there. Be sure to give me a call on what you will be bringing.

CURRENT EVENTS

THE event for the month is the **POT LUCK AT THE WESTERN MUSEUM OF FLIGHT AT HAWTHORNE AIRPORT, SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 12:00 NOON.**

The Museum is located at the West end of the field, at the corner of Prairie and 120th Street in Hawthorne. There is no street parking at that corner, and limited parking in the parking lot in front of the Museum. Some of you may need to come onto the airport, and you will be let through the gate which is located just South of the Museum on Prairie. The Museum has several collections on display, model aircraft and aircraft undergoing restoration, including a T-6 and a Tiger Moth. There are other aircraft of interest including a Lockheed Spy Plane and some target drones. We hope everyone will enjoy seeing the Museum, and remember, you can also fly in. Please give Connie Clark a call at 310/835-2562 and tell her what you will be bringing to the Pot Luck.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

I received this nice write-up from Connie. Last August 12th, Dick Smith and his Travel-Aire, Gene Gast and his Stearman, Ron Hackworth and his Fairchild 24, George Sedillo and Annie Johnsson and their PA-12 and other aircraft from Torrance Airport began a trip to the Evergreen Fly-In in Washington. Their first stop was for lunch at Porterville where they were joined by three Waco's, a Great Lakes, and a Starduster. Curt Russell of movie fame "Backdraft" owns the Starduster, and could only

stay with the group for two days. The first evening was spent at the home of John and Earlene Goodman at their private air strip in Arbuckle, CA where everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner. (Small world department! I just met John Goodman at the Sea Plane Splash-in at Clear Lake where he mentioned flying with a group to Evergreen.) The Goodman's joined the group with their Aeronca Sedan and they all spent the second night at Cottage Grove, CA. The next day brought them to the Flying M Ranch, in a box canyon north of Salem Oregon, for lunch. Then on across to Portland to the Evergreen fly-in where they spent the next two days, and a visit with Rick Warden who owns a Myers OTW (Out To Win). Then the group flew to Center Island in the San Juan's. The airport on Center Island goes clear across the Island, from shore to shore. Base camp was set up here, and flights were made to several other Islands. Jack Lanning, who owns a Travel-Aire with a Wright J-4 engine accompanied the group flying his brothers Cessna 180 in which he carried food and supplies for the base camp. But the time arrived when it is time to start for home. They made a stop at Arlington and then back to Evergreen. They flew East along the Columbia River and over the Bonneville Dam. Dick said the scenery was beautiful. Then on down the East side of Oregon to Bend for an overnight. The next day the flight continued south to Truckee, CA near Lake Tahoe where they stayed at a friend's estate located right on the lake. At this point they had to wait a couple of days for the weather to improve. What a lovely place to wait it out. Leaving Truckee, the next stop was at Porterville again for lunch, and after twelve days of adventure, they arrived home again at Torrance Airport.

Thanks Connie for the news. It goes to show you that our group has fun, does things together, and meet other members and friends on these trips away from home.

FROM THE EDITOR

I am sure that many of you read of the passing of Paul E. Garber. Mr. Garber was 93 years old at his passing on September 23rd. As most of you know Mr. Garber was the first curator of the National Air Museum. Folks like Paul Garber are really needed today in helping preserve our national treasures. By this I mean he had the foresight to see a valued item waiting, he asked Charles Lindbergh for the Ryan airplane he flew across the Atlantic. Mr. Garber recalled that he drafted a message to Linbergh as soon as he heard a radio report that the aviator was headed toward France. "I must have written that cable before Lindbergh had ever flown over New England." Garber said. The cable was waiting Lindbergh at the field in Paris after he completed the solo flight.

Speaking of museums, I had a wonderful trip to England and am still in awe at

all that I saw there. The British certainly know how to preserve the items of interest. At each and every museum and display I saw some of the most beautiful and well preserved aircraft that one could expect to find.

We were a group of aviation buffs put together by Don Taylor and Jerry McAuliffe from San Diego. Members of the group were from San Diego, Sacramento, Santa Paula, and Sodona Arizona. In addition to seeing things to behold, we found new friends. Some of the things we saw: The Imperial War Museum in London where they have some of the most fantastic items you will ever expect to see including an FW-190, parts of a Zero, and the wreckage of the aircraft flown by Hess. Portsmouth for Navy Days and one of the last flights of the AVRO Vulcan. The Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon where one will stand in amazement at the collection of WWI and II aircraft. The "Battle of Britain Experience" is a sight to be remembered. Hendon has one of the most remarkable collections you will ever see, including a collection of German aircraft. Our trip to the Shuttleworth Collection for a flying day was not one of the best, as the weather did not cooperate on Sunday and many of the aircraft did not fly, but we did see a Hawker Hind, AVRO Tudor, several other aircraft and the beautiful performance of the Spitfire. In addition, Shuttleworth has a fantastic car collection, and an English aviation swap meet. Duxford was visited and one can only say "WOW". Where else can you see a Spitfire mock dogfighting an Me-109? At Duxford. Some of the most beautiful aircraft are to be seen here, a P-47, F4U, several Spitfires, Sea Fury, Seafire, and on and on. Our last major sight was the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton, again some very beautiful and rare aircraft including the "Flying Bedstead", a Concorde, and a super exhibit of a WWI battle area. We concluded the tour by attending Farnborough. One of the high points of Farnborough was the "Battle of Britain Flight". All in all, if you want to see some of the best restored aircraft, English, American, German, WWI, and WWII (most in flying condition) then a trip to some of the British museums is in order. Incidentally, they are building an American Air Museum in Britain at Duxford. The center-piece will be there already acquired B-52. I have two rolls of video and many slides that I will share with the group at a general meeting if you would like. I have included in this newsletter several of the photos from Shuttleworth.

Leo, I want to thank you for your showing the video of the Mig at the last meeting, I know it must have been a real sight landing and departing Hawthorne.

Again, I remind you to check your labels for your dues date, and get the money in as soon as possible, a new year is rapidly approaching. Thanks to all of you that have responded to my last plea.

Also, I am still receptive to receiving articles of news for inclusion in the letter.

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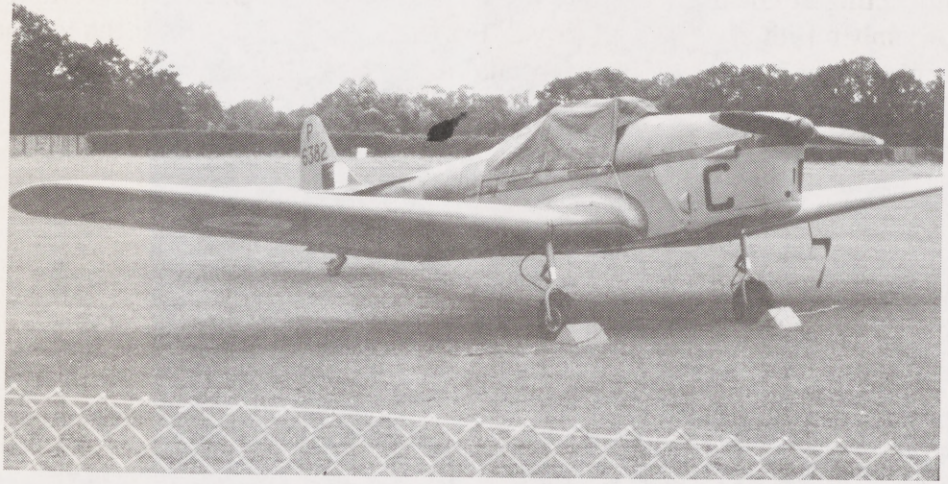
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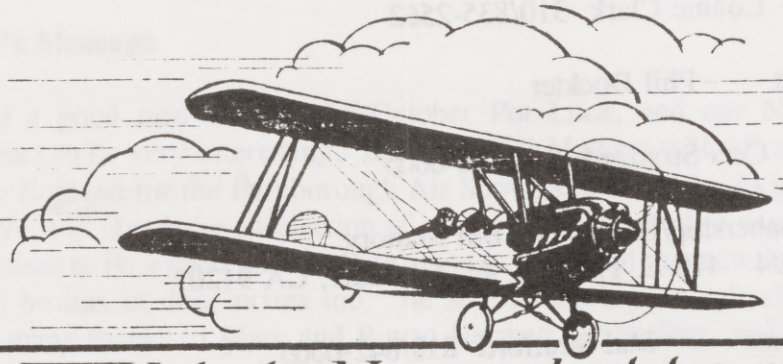

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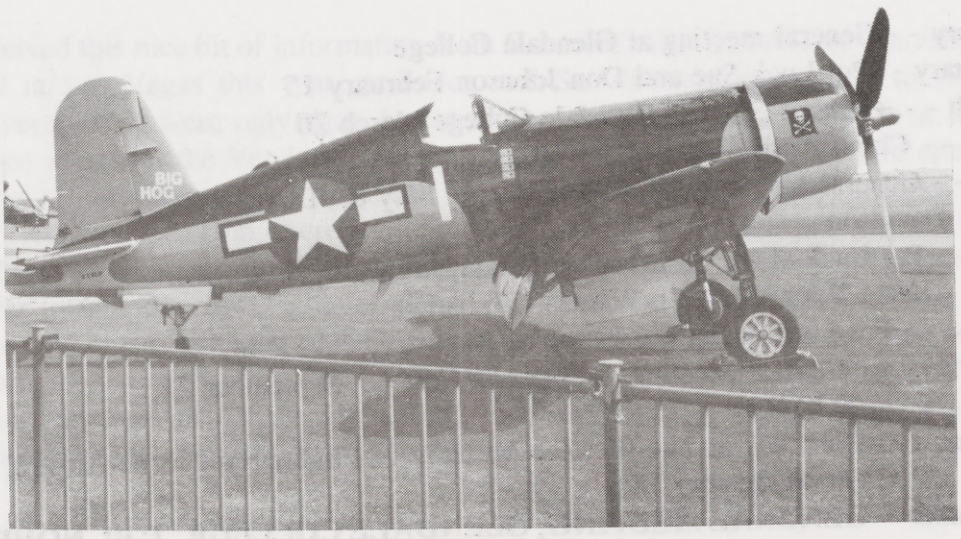

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President's Message

WE had a good turn out for the October Pot Luck, and our November meeting promises to be very interesting. Our own Bill Mallory will tell us about his recent trip to England for the Farnborough Air Show, and all of the Aviation Museums he visited. We will also have an election of officers for the coming year. Our Christmas Party promises to be a good one, and the menu is printed in this newsletter to entice you. There will be lots of door prizes too. Be sure to mark your calendars for December 19th, and many thanks to Marc and Royan Herman for hosting, and we also wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

CURRENT EVENTS

THE event for the month of November will be the **GENERAL MEETING AT GLENDALE COLLEGE, 7:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 20.** I hope that those of you that attend the general meeting will enjoy seeing the slides and videos of the airshows and museums of England as much as I did in taking them. We will see the Imperial War Museum in London, Portsmouth, Duxford, Hendon, Shuttleworth, and Farnborough. See you there, "Carry On, Tally Ho" etc.

"NEWS FROM ALL OVER"

I received this nice bit of information from Connie Clark. The AOPA Convention was held in Las Vegas this year, and Don and Sue Johnson were there to see it all. However, they were only there for on day, and Don said it would take at least two days just to see all the Vendors. They also saw Mal and Ceci Stratford in attendance, and one of our former Club Speakers, Frederick Arnold, author of "Doorknob Five-Two." According to Don, there are lots of new goodies on the market, lots of GPS, and a head set-intercom system that he couldn't do without. It allows you to plug in a tape recorder to tape any tower conversations you would be interested in studying, plus it plays stereo music, with an automatic override for transmissions. Piper Aircraft had a Museum in a van with a Piper J-#. Other Piper aircraft were on display outside. Several other aircraft were also on display, and the interesting feature is that they all taxied down the road from the airport to the display area.

Don has been a busy fellow, and on the Saturday before he spent Sunday in Las Vegas, he went with EAA Chapter #1 from Fla-Bob airport to San Diego for a tour of Mirimar NAS. There were 46 of them on a chartered bus, including a top-gun instructor. As a bonus, they also toured the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, which was tied up next to the carrier Nimitz. Among other things, they inspected the steam catapults which push a 60,000 pound F-14 from 0 to 160 MPH in 2.7 seconds. Another demonstration was dressing a young boy from the group in aviators gear. There was the flight suit, a "G" suit, the life preserver, parachute, oxygen mask, and of course the helmet! Don said that they welcome groups, and it sounds like something that would be fun for the VAA to look into.

EVERY year at Borrego Valley Airport, Borrego Springs, the International Aerobatic Club, San Diego Chapter, sponsors an aerobatic competition. As a part of the EAA, they also have their own magazine - Sport Aerobatics. This year, Lar de Jounge flew his Tiger Moth in the Sportsman category. This is actually his 4th year of participation, but in his earlier competition he flew a Decathlon. This time he wanted to fly his own airplane. He has watched the aerobatic competition done in Tiger Moths at the Woburn Fly-In in England and knew the airplane was capable. While the Tiger Moth does not have an inverted fuel system and tends to have the engine quit running while upside down, this could be dealt with, especially since they flew just over the airport. The maneuvers he flew started with a one-half reverse Cuban S. You climb at a 45 degree angle, roll upside down (this is where the engine quits), come down and complete a loop, getting the engine started again. Then into an Immelmann, and after rolling off the top comes a snap roll. The Tiger Moth is legal to do this maneuver with wires on the fin. It also doesn't want to go to the right. Lars would always end up in a spin, but it will roll to the left just fine - at 55 knots. Then comes a one and one-quarter spin, keeping a vertical line after the spin. After recovering from the spin comes a 270 degree steep turn, and then the other half of the Cuban S. This time you go down 45 degrees, make your half loop and roll upright. Can you imagine all the times the engine was just windmilling. Next is a Hammer Head that the Tiger does very nicely. Lars counts to "Four Beers" and the timing is perfect. There is very little power left to make the turn straight down, but it works, and then he does a loop and into a slow roll. Again the engine is only windmilling. A Wing-Wag is the signal you are finished. It is also the signal, after the 270 degree turn, that he needs to climb for more altitude. They must fly within a box 1000 meters by 1000 meters, between 2500 and 3500 feet. The other

classes were Unlimited, Advanced, and Intermediate, with aerobatic champions flying their Pitts in the top division. SunRise Aviation from Orange County Airport had seven pilots flying a French aerobatic airplane - the Cap 10. Altogether there were 44 competitors. There were lots of compliments and cheering for Lars and his Tiger Moth, and the spectators said it was such a graceful airplane during the maneuvers. So even though Lars placed 27th out of 28 in his class he had a lot of fun.

FROM THE EDITOR

IT seems that every time you pick up a paper, another famous personality from the aviation past has passed away. I know that most of you read of the passing of Mr. Forrest Wysong; Pioneer of Naval Aviation. Mr. Wysong passed away at the end of October. He was one of seven survivors of the Early Birds of Aviation Inc.Forrest Wysong was believed to be the first American flier to take off from a warship, the battleship Texas while cruising off Scotland. The aircraft was a Sopwith Scout, the carrier deck was a wooden platform erected over its large rifle turrets.

I am happy to report that the dues are starting to pick-up a little. I am sorry to keep hounding you all, but we must have the dues money in order to continue to function. Also, I ask each of you to please recruit, or at least bring one new person to the meetings. We must try to increase our size or we will like so many other great organizations wilt away. Also, I am still seeking items from the members for the letter, anything of interest to you is of interest to us. I would especially like photos to include. Thanks to all of you that have contributed. Also, in this letter you will find our first adds.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL meeting at Glendale College, November 20, 7:30PM. Christmas Party at Marc and Royan Herman's December 19. A map is included in this letter as well as the menu and price. Call and let Marc and Royan know if you will be making the party. Phone 818/353-3407. The official name of the party is the "VAA Gorgefest", the price is $15.00 per person. Marc and Royan say they need 50 bodies with appetites. There will be caroling, telling lies, door prizes and whatever. The menu will include: Bacon/tomato Quiche Squares, Deviled Eggs, Beef Stroganoff/egg

noodles, Caesar Salad, Stuffed Mushrooms, Roast Turkey with stuffing, Carrots, Cauliflower, Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Chocolate Fudge Brownies, 1/2 Sheet Cheesecake with Cherries.

BADGES

IF you don't want the Big Bad Sergeant-at-Arms to get you, you had better get a badge. Five dollars per badge will keep you out of trouble. Order from:

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For Sale - 1938 DeHavilland Hornet Moth. Only one flying in the US. Mode C, 720 Channel radio, electric starter, full electrical system, original navigation lights, strobe, etc. Asking $70,000.00. Call Ed Clark at 310/679-2884.

Help send Dave Davidson around the world. For a $20.00 donation plus #3.00 postage and handling, Dave will send you a copy of his must read book: "Biplane Adventures". Your contribution will help Dave in his next attempt to fly around the world, departing Addison, Texas, June 1993.

For sale - Cessna 175. Fresh overhaul on engine, LORAN, 760 Channel Comm, MK-12 B with glide slope, marker beacon, 2 headsets with mikes, intercomm, PTT, transponder with encoder, auto gas STC, full pressure oil filter, etc, etc. A beautiful 4 place, 130 MPH, 10 MPG airplane to go anywhere. $16,996.00 (cheaper than a car). Contact Dave Davidson at 214/530-4067.

Wanted - Contact with someone interested in aircraft design. Contact George Schmidt, 1852 Kirkby, Glendale, CA 91208.

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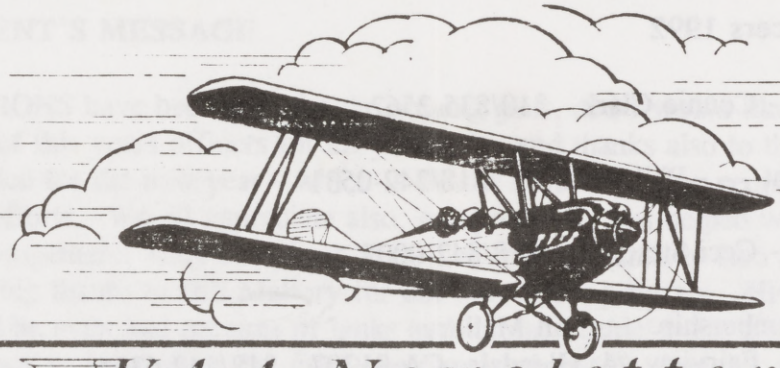

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELECTIONS have been held for the coming year, and I would like to say thank you to all of this years officers for all your help, and thanks also to those who accepted an office for the new year - which is almost all of the same people. Thank you for your efforts. We all appreciate also, everyone who has helped with or held a social get-together. They have been great! A special thanks to Leo for Santa Ynez.

A big thanks to Bill Mallory for our November program. His slides were great, and he even had pictures of tanks and military vehicles for Leo! His trip to England was so interesting that everyone requested that he show his videos at another meeting. Stay tuned.

Our Christmas party is on December 19, and this time we have the correct telephone number and the full address for Marc and Royan in this newsletter. So call, and send in your checks. It's going to be delicious! and fun too. PS, as of the last newsletter, our editor was in much pain from a back problem. It's a wonder he got it out at all.

CURRENT EVENTS

OUR event for the month of December is the Annual Christmas party already mentioned by Connie in her message. **The party will be on December 19 at 7:00 PM at Marc and Royan Herman's. The address is 10330 McBroom St, Shadow Hills. The phone number is 818/353-3467. Please call them and let them know if you will be attending. The cost, $15.00 per person. I bet this will be a fantastic party, and if you don't attend you will be sorry.**

NEWS FROM ALL OVER

CONNIE gave this to me at the last meeting, I think you will enjoy it.

WHY I WANT TO BE A PILOT

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying around these days. Pilots don't need much school; they just have to learn to read numbers so they can read their instruments. I guess they should be able to read road maps, too, so they can find their way if they get lost.

Pilots should be brave so they won't get scared if it's too foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off they should stay calm sos they'll know what to do. Pilots have to have good eyes to see through clouds, and they can't be afraid of thunder or lightning because they are so much closer to them than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they know what to do with. This is because most people think that plane flying is dangerous, except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

I hope I don't get air-sick because I get car-sick and if I get air-sick I couldn't be a pilot, and then I would have to go to work.

By Tommy Tyler, 5th Grade, Jefferson School, Beaufort, S.C.

I read this in the NASA Callback Newsletter. I think you will get a kick out of it.

After takeoff, crew noted...no transponder received on left or right by ATC and TCAS was inoperative. While passing upwards through FL240 right pack trip "off" light illuminated, but reset was impossible using irregular checklist. This meant loss of pressurization capacity. At FL300 loss of second pack was indicated by the left pack trip "off" light - also not resettable. Captain directed First Officer to use oxygen masks and initiated emergency descent. ATC cleared to FL240, then 15,000 feet, then 10,000 feet enroute back to airport. Cabin pressurization reached 9500 feet but cabin oxygen masks never actuated.

This flight was in sunny, dry conditions with no loss of controls or engines. (Crew later discovered that) a passenger in first class used airfone to call 911, Highway Patrol, and reported aircraft out of control and in danger of hitting a mountain. In fact, aircraft was never in danger of hitting anything, and except for initial pushover of nose and actuation of speed brake to begin descent, operations were mostly normal.

What would we do without the wonderful world of electronics????

FROM THE EDITOR

AGAIN, we read in the newspapers last week of the passing of Col. Alva Harvey, USAF Ret. Col. Harvey was a Sergeant Crew Chief/Mechanic on the Douglas World Cruiser flown by Major Martin on the attempt to fly around the world in 1924. Major Martin and Sgt. Harvey crashed in Alaska and walked for many days before finally being rescued. Col. Harvey stayed in the Air Force and retired as a Colonel. He was 94 years old at his passing. I believe he was the last survivor. If you can obtain a copy of the book "The First World Flight" as related by Lieutenants - Smith, Nelson, Wade, Arnold, Harding, and Ogden to Lowell Thomas, get it. I also have a video covering this historic flight.

The dues are coming in quite nicely, but many are still behind. Please, please check you mailing label and check your expiration date.

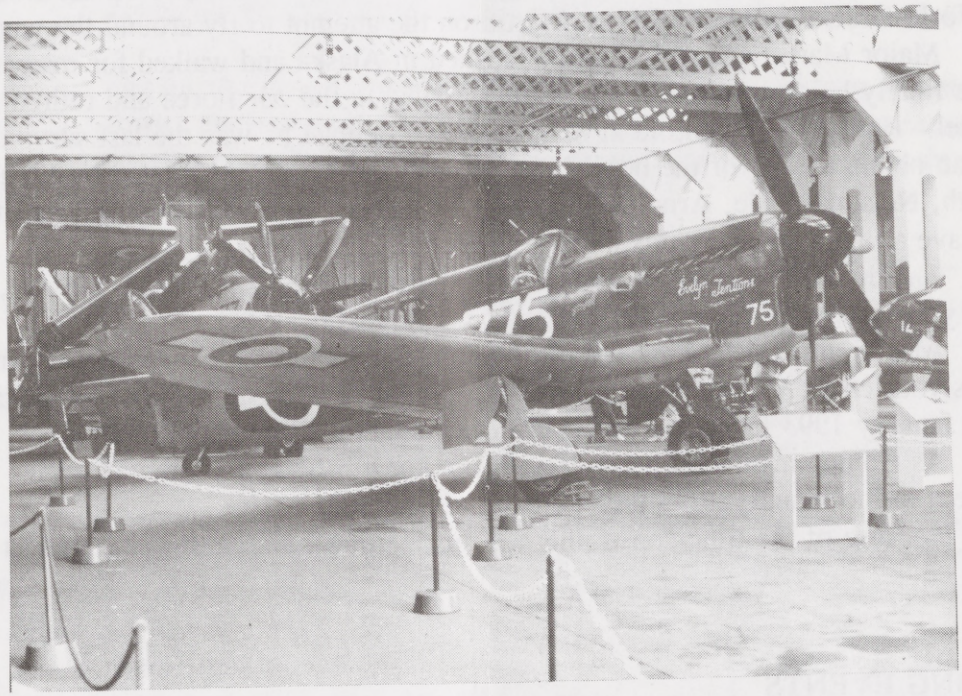
Also, I am still looking for information for the letter. Come on you writers, here is your chance. The photos are coming in and I will run some of them starting in the January 1993 letter. (Time is critical for the mailing of this letter).

As Connie mentioned, we elected some new officers for the next year. I will list them in the January 1993 issue.

Because of the time constraints for this mailing I am cutting this issue a little short.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL meeting at Glendale Community College, January 15th at 7:30 PM. Details of this meeting will appear in the January issue.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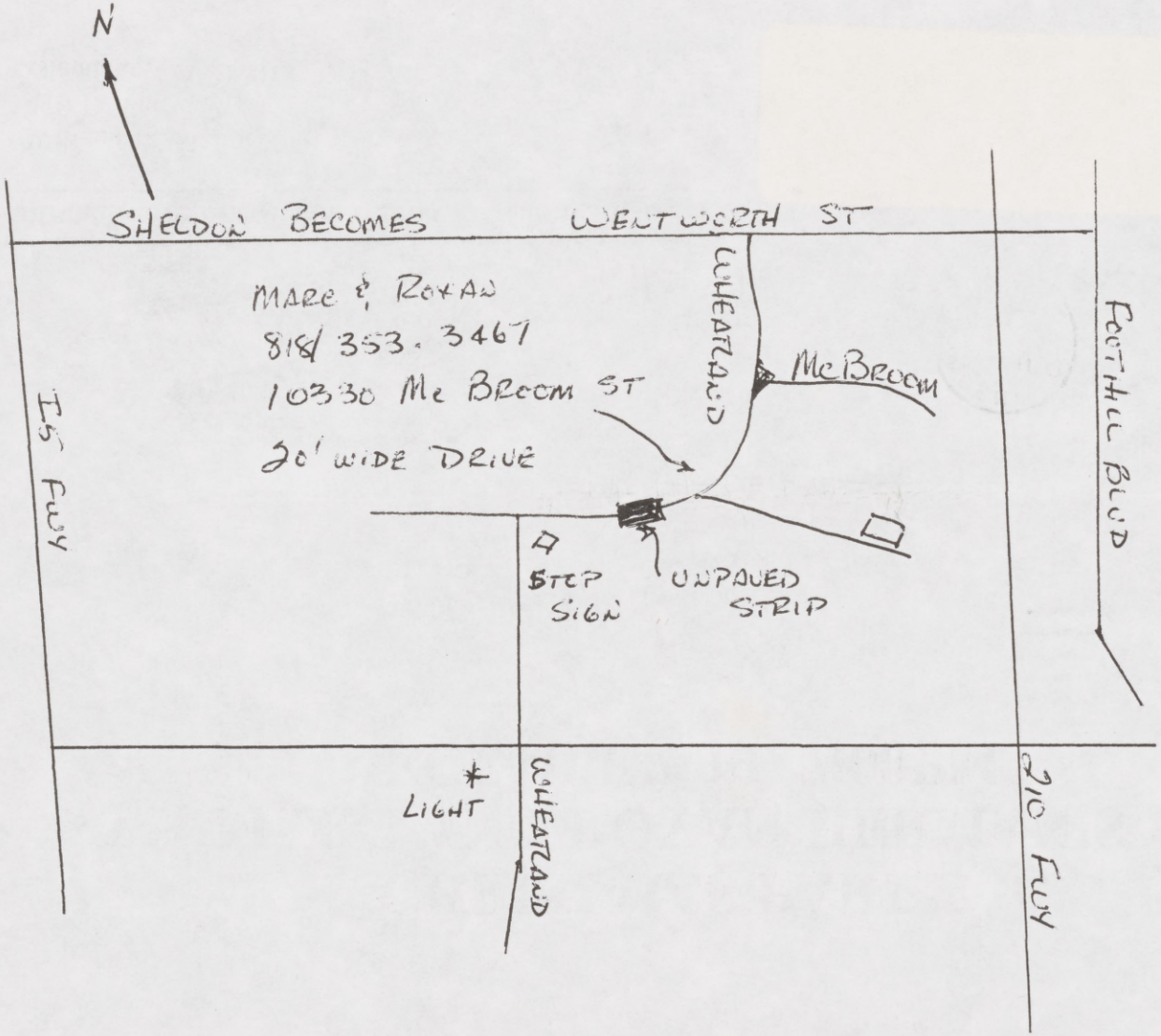
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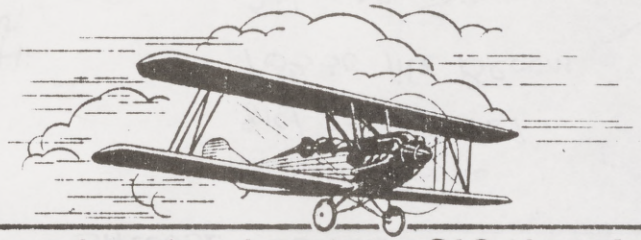

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